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February	World Day of Prayer.
March	Southcentral Jurisdiction Convocation, Wichita, Kansas, March 4, 5, 6, 7. Executive Committee meeting. Reports sent Conference and District Officers.
April	Seventh Annual Conference W. S. C. S., Lake Charles, Louisiana, April 8, 9, 10. Annual District Meetings W. S. C. S.
May	Annual District Meetings W. S. C. S.
June	Louisiana Conference School of Missions, MacDonnell School, Houma, La., June 9-13. Executive Committee meetings. Reports sent on time to Conference and District Officers.
July	School of Missions, Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, June 30-July 10. National Methodist Rural Life Conference, Lincoln, Nebraska, July 29-31. Christian Social Relations Seminar, De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, July 24-August 6. Study of Conference Minutes in W. S. C. S. Reports of second quarter made to W. S. C. S.
August	Continuation of Christian Social Relations Seminar until August 6.
September	Conference Wide Convocation, Shreveport, September 4, 5, 6. District Educational Seminars. Executive Committee meetings. Reports sent on time to Conference and District Officers.
October	Mid-year Conference Executive Committee meeting, Natchitoches, La., October 21, 22, 23. Reports of third quarter made at W. S. C. S. Week of Prayer.
November	Appointment or election of Nominating Committee.
December	Pledges paid in full; election and installation of officers. Executive Committee meetings; annual reports sent Conference District Officers. District Officers visitation. New Officers reported District Promotion Secretary.

PRAYER GUIDE

Lord, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in Thy presence will avail to make;
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take!
What parched ground refreshes us with a shower,
We kneel, and all around us seems to lower;
We rise, and all the distant and the near,
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear.
We kneel, how weak! We rise, how full of power!
Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong
Or others—that we are not always strong—
That we are sometimes overborne with care—
That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled—when with us in prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee!"

(Archbishop Trench.)

Pray for the childhood of the world—and the parents and guardians of these children.

Pray that the members of the Woman's Society may have a renewed sense of stewardship, and an awareness of the sacred trust committed to them.

Pray that the Woman's Society in Louisiana may increase in members, gifts, interest, missionary vision, and a deepened spiritual life.

Pray for our Louisiana Conference Workers.

Pray for the progress of our work on our College Campuses, in rural areas.

Pray for our work at MacDonell School, St. Mark's Community Center, Business Girls Inn, Sager-Brown, People's Community Center, Dulac.

Pray for our Missionaries throughout the world.

Pray for the leaders in our Woman's Division, who plan the work of this great organization.

Pray that we may be instrumental in leading youth to give their lives in full time service.

Pray for our great church and our ministers.

Pray that our prayers may be used to help the President of the United States, Congress, World leaders, delegates and officials of the United Nations to feel a sense of need for Thy wisdom and guidance.

Pray that our minds may be enlarged to world vision, and awakened to the great needs.

Pray for understanding between people, for human brotherhood, for hate to vanish and love to rule the world.

Pray that we may be used to open channels for an outpouring of Christ's spirit upon mankind.

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For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who, Thee, by faith, before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.

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 Mrs. Alice Pickett, Rodessa.
 Mrs. T. K. Giddens, First Church, Shreveport.
 Mrs. V. L. Fulton, First Church, Shreveport.
 Mrs. Walter Marburg, First Church, Shreveport.
 Mrs. C. P. Rutledge, First Church, Shreveport.
 Mrs. P. C. Doggett, Noel Memorial, Shreveport.
 Mrs. Dayton Waller, Noel Memorial, Shreveport.
 Mrs. V. V. Owen, Vivian.
 Mrs. I. T. Reames, Vivian.

BUDGET 1947

Cultivation for Division	\$ 26.17	
Cultivation for Jurisdiction	314.01	\$ 340.18
ANNUAL Conference (Includes mimeographing reports)	750.00	
WSG Conference	75.00*	
Executive Meeting	150.00*	
Jurisdiction Conference	500.00**	
Youth Assembly	75.00***	
Mt. Sequoyah School of Missions	375.00*	
Conference School of Missions	200.00**	
Church School Coaching Conference	100.00	
Christian Social Relations	300.00	
Christian Social Relations Work Shop	60.00	
Conference Minutes and Executive Committee Meetings Minutes	400.00***	
Conference News	100.00***	
Rural Seminar	200.00**	
Treasurers' Work Shop and Expense to Conference	50.00**	
Treasurers' Bonds	15.00	
Bank Charges	7.50	
Stationery	25.00	
Officers' Expense (Includes \$40.00 for Conference Treasurer)	500.00	
Office Expense	100.00	
Automobile Insurance	51.25	
Miscellaneous	259.57	
Youth Work	600.00	
		4,893.32
Total for Cultivation		\$ 5,233.50
Pledge to Division (\$300.00 of which is designated as gift for Rural Worker)		46,500.00
Total		\$51,733.50

* Indicates increase over 1946.

** Indicates new item.

***Indicates decrease over 1946.

Budget for cultivation based on 45 cents per member.

THE JURISDICTION CONVOCATION

Attendance at the Jurisdiction Convocation was a thrilling experience because here the Methodist Church was brought into focus as a great world movement to which every activity of every local Church contributes.

The emphasis of the meeting might be listed under three headings: Unity—"The Methodists are one people"; Urgency—"We cannot wait even until now;" and Advance—"The Advancing Church."

The success achieved during the years of the Crusade for Christ could not have been realized had not the Church approached its tasks with unity of spirit and purpose. Twenty-seven million dollars raised for relief and rehabilitation and one million persons brought into the fellowship of the Church were the results of united effort. This was particularly true of the South Central Jurisdiction, where an almost equal number of members of the former northern and southern branches of the Church reside and where we find a large group of former Methodist Protestants.

Wholesale devastation, depleted personnel, ravaged Churches, warped personalities—all these conditions in Europe and Asia attest to the urgency of the situation which faces the Christian Church. It must not be said of the Church—and of Methodism—"Too little and too late." Here in the homeland large groups of unchurched persons and large groups of inactive persons on the rolls of the Church present a challenge for immediate action of part of the Church.

Advance in the Church will come when the message of Christian Stewardship becomes a vital force in the lives of the people called Methodist. Methodism is not only a world movement, but it must expand its Christianizing influence into every area and relationship of life.

The Jurisdiction Woman's Society, which was a part of the convocation meeting, but which also held a day and a half session at the close of the convocation, reviewed its work on the past year and planned for the future. Plans for recruitment of youth for full time service in the Church, increase in membership in the Woman's Society, and a financial goal of one million dollars, with a slogan of "A Minimum of a Million" occupied places of prominence in the opportunities for advance which the Woman's Society faces for 1947.

"The world set in your heart"—this was a phrase used by one speaker, and it does not test the imagination to picture the world as a lovely gem in a mounting tarnished by the power and greed of a non-Christian society. But only the poetic, but passive phrase, becomes active and imperative—Set the World in Your Heart—in the lives of Christian people, the gem will become one of rare loveliness and the world will be taken for Christ under the banners of The Advancing Church.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CALL MEETING
OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE OF THE
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE, METHODIST CHURCH,
SHREVEPORT, LA., JUNE 12, 1946

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the home of Mrs. Clarence Shaffer in Shreveport, La., at 2:30 p. m., Wednesday, June 12, for a meeting called by the president, Mrs. Glenn Laskey.

Mrs. David Tarver conducted the devotional, asking for the hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," after which she spoke on "Making God Real to Us." Mrs. Tarver gave three ways in which we may know God is real: (1) Because we see all about us a decided element of order. (2) There is an extraordinary amount of organization in this world order, (3) That forces of truth and right ultimately survive—God being the unseen power—the same yesterday, today and forever. She closed with a prayer that God make himself real in the life of each of us.

Mrs. Laskey gave interesting highlights of her activities since the conference in Baton Rouge, especially her attendance at the Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. She mentioned the resignation of Miss Faye Barr who will be replaced by a young minister, the Rev. Norman Preston, Jr., who will work on the campus of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute. Miss Janice Beck will be replaced at Southwestern by Miss Pearly Mae Kelly, a deaconess.

Mrs. Laskey regretted that Miss Julia Reid's services will not be available for St. Mark's, since she is returning to her former position. She mentioned there would be a complete change of staff at St. Mark's with Miss Cleo Barber to be head resident.

Mrs. Lasky explained that at the District Officers, Training Day held in Alexandria, La., she presented to the Finance Committee Rev. E. B. Emmerich's request for \$100.00 to assist in sponsoring a Stewardship Coaching Conference to be held at Camp Brewer September 24, 25, 26. The Conference is to be a joint enterprise of the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Lay Activities, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The finance committee approved the expenditure and the conference will be held without expense to those attending, except transportation. Mr. Emmerich is asking that seven persons from each district attend the conference, besides those whose names have been previously submitted by Mrs. Dameron. Several names were given Mrs. Dameron during the afternoon of prospective persons who would attend the conference.

Upon motion of Mrs. Dameron, and a second by Mrs. Tarver, it was voted that the Executive Committee buy the set of books to be used for accreditation on "Stewardship" (the cost to be around \$10). These books are to be circulated as a lending Library among the officers of the Executive Committee and are to be kept in the office of the Board of Christian Education.

The motion was carried.

Mrs. Laskey stated that ten people from the Executive Committee will be sent to Mt. Sequoyah in the Conference car and Mrs. Shaffer's car. The date, July 1-11.

Mrs. Stewart, of Shreveport, was made the alternate for any district secretary unable to attend.

Mrs. Kilpatrick, at this time, referred to last year's Minutes where it was voted that the Conference Society pay the honorarium, and expenses if necessary, for an instructor in Mission's Course in Pastor's School.

Mrs. Pomeroy moved and Mrs. Manning seconded that Mrs. Laskey and Mrs. Dameron be authorized to work with the Board of Managers

of the Pastors' School in meeting requirements for a Conference School of Missions.

Mrs. Laskey brought up the subject of Dulac shares and asked that the societies who had budgeted shares for Dulac send this money through the regular channels to their respective district treasurers, who in turn will send it to Mrs. Kilpatrick. Miss Ella Hooper will place this money in a separate account earmarked for Dulac work.

The Conference Officers were urged by Mrs. Laskey to see that mailing expenses for communications sent district officers for distribution be sent to them quarterly.

A letter was read by Mrs. Pomeroy from the Indiana Conference recommending that the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service also write motion picture producers requesting that drinking scenes in homes be eliminated from future pictures. Mrs. Pomeroy recommended that the action be taken.

Recommendation approved.

A delightful interlude of a few minutes was enjoyed through the hospitality of the hostess, Mrs. Shaffer, who so graciously served the guests with an assortment of delectables placed on an attractive three tier table and set in the midst where each could enjoy these through the afternoon along with the iced drinks served by the hostess.

Mrs. Kilpatrick extended an invitation to all officers attending Pastors' School to be guests the following afternoon at her camp near Shreveport.

Discussion ensued on money being spent on the publishing of the Conference Minutes each year. Mrs. Laskey appointed a committee to study this and come prepared to make recommendations at the fall meeting of the Executive Committee. She suggested that money formerly spent on minutes might be used in giving two Scarritt scholarships. She proposed letting each local society budget money to pay for minutes just as other literature is budgeted. Mrs. Laskey appointed Mesdames Tarver, Trice, Sartor and Miss Grace Lawson to form the above committee.

It was with much interest the group learned, through Mrs. Tarver, that the Valedictorian of the Lake Charles High School, Miss Mary Ann Maxfield, is giving her life to full time Christian service. Mrs. Tarver read a letter from Mrs. Hicks recommending this young lady for a Scarritt scholarship.

Mrs. Metcalf mentioned that one of our young girls of Bastrop, La., is interested in a Scarritt Scholarship. She asked for information on correct procedure of getting her placed in Scarritt.

The date for the fall meeting of the Executive Committee was set by Mrs. Laskey to be on October 22, 23, and 24, to be in Haynesville, La., if this time be suitable to the Haynesville Society.

Mrs. Laskey appointed Mrs. Pomeroy to act as chairman of the program committee for the annual meeting. She asked that those present recommend speakers to Mrs. Pomeroy. Mrs. Tidwell suggested that this be left up to Mrs. Laskey and others of this committee attending Mt. Sequoyah. Mrs. Pomeroy suggested that Mrs. Bragg be invited as one of the speakers for that time.

A very interesting report of the workshop of the Guild was given by Miss Grace Lawson, secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild. She told of a very profitable meeting held in Welch, also one in Bastrop. She regretted that the New Orleans District was unable to have its meeting until October. She had received no report from the Alexandria District.

Miss Sue Batton was mentioned by Mrs. Pomeroy as a fine worker through the Guild and suggested Miss Batton be given opportunity to work with Guilds all over the state.

The zone programs held in the different districts were discussed. Mrs. Laskey asked that more adequate programs be planned under the supervision of the district secretaries of organization and promotion and the district presidents. She appointed Mrs. Tidwell to work with the presidents on these zone programs and bring recommendations of same to the fall Executive Committee meeting.

Mrs. Stewart Deas asked for information on rezoning where and when it was thought necessary.

Mrs. Jackson, Recording Secretary, read a letter written to Mrs. Pollard from Miss Lucy J. Webb thanking the officers for the Life Membership given her through the Conference. Miss Webb spoke of her eagerness in returning to her missionary work in China.

Discussion was resumed concerning the placing of the new rural worker in the Louisiana Conference. On the light of the information secured at the rural seminar in Tulsa, Mrs. Pollard proposed that the rural worker be placed under the supervision of Rev. Emmerich, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, working in cooperation with the Conference Woman's Society. This, she explained, will give the worker a much larger scope for her activities, allowing her to help in all needy areas, in promotion and cultivation throughout the state.

Mrs. Stewart moved, and Mrs. Deas seconded the motion, that the rural work be a cooperative enterprise with the Board of Education, placing the rural worker under the supervision of Rev. Emmerich, to go over the state during work where needed.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Laskey stated that it was her hope that we might broaden this program to have two rural workers, one for the northern and one for the southern parts of the state.

Mrs. Pollard brought before the groups the need for purchasing a new Conference car. Mrs. Pomeroy moved and Mrs. Pollard seconded that a committee be appointed to buy a new car for our rural worker, and work out plans for financing it. Since a quorum was not present the remainder of the Executive Committee was to be contacted by ballot to get their vote on the motion.

Motion carried.

Through the Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Pomeroy spoke on the necessity of the Woman's Society going on record as favoring the supporting and continuance of the O.P.A. She asked that the legislators be contacted and informed of the wishes of the organization.

The continuance of the Louisiana page in "The New Orleans Advocate" was discussed and plan decided upon whereby different officers were to assume the responsibility of editing a page for "The Advocate" until the end of this conference year.

Mrs. Jackson was asked by the president, Mrs. Laskey, to remind each one via mail the date for her material to be sent to the "Advocate."

Grouped in a circle, with hands linked, Mrs. Pollard, former president, closed with prayer, asking Divine Guidance for our tasks ahead and that much good be received by those attending Pastors' School and be translated into action, thereby bringing God's kingdom here on earth.

MRS. GLENN LASKEY, President,

MRS. E. N. JACKSON, Recording Secretary.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, LOUISIANA
CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH,
HAYNESVILLE, LA., OCTOBER 22-24, 1946

Tuesday Evening, October 22, 1946

The Executive Session of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service opened its mid-year meeting at 6:00 p. m., October 22, at the Haynesville First Methodist Church. Those in attendance felt at once the sincere hospitality of the hostess society where they were guests for a beautifully appointed dinner.

Mrs. T. H. Arnold, president of the Haynesville Society, welcomed the guests and Mrs. Glenn Laskey in return expressed appreciation from the Executive Committee to the local society making it possible for us to be in their midst. Following the dinner, the group assembled for the first business session.

The new president, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, with poise and serenity, opened the evening's devotional and called for her favorite hymn, "Mid All the Traffic of the Way," No. 341, using for her theme "We Have This Treasure." Mrs. Laskey used for her scripture 1st Corinthians 4:6, 7, which was the same used by Phillip Vernier, a Belgium minister, who preached from a truck in which he said that we are earthen vessels, easy to break and easy to replace. The Master gives us his treasure to hold. The Master must not find the vase full of false treasures or something else, but filled with his perfume. The vase must have no cracks so the perfume will not be lost. It cannot be a porous vase to which the Master could trust his treasure. "Come into my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room for thee." Mrs. Laskey closed by saying, "Let us empty our hearts of anything that will keep us from being attuned to our Master." A period of prayer meditation followed.

The new members of the Executive Committee were welcomed and introduced by Mrs. Laskey. They were: Mrs. W. E. Trice of Baton Rouge, Secretary of Student Work; Mrs. W. A. Barnwell of Shreveport, Secretary of Children's Work; Mrs. Edgar N. Jackson of Monroe, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. R. W. Smith, coming in the place of Miss Grace Lawson, to represent the Wesleyan Service Guild.

It was with much pride that Mrs. Laskey expressed the honor the Louisiana Conference felt in having another member of the group appointed as an officer in the South Central Jurisdiction. Mrs. Dameron has been elected Secretary of Missionary Education to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Peter Kittle.

The Secretary called the roll, and regret was expressed over the unavoidable absence of several members. Mrs. Laskey asked that Mrs. Kilpatrick and Mrs. Dameron send telegrams to these members who were prevented from attending the meeting due to illness in their families.

Four members were appointed to assist the Recording Secretary in recording the minutes: Mesdames G. W. Pomeroy, W. F. Manning, Sam Dunbar and D. C. Metcalf.

Mrs. Laskey referred to the Agenda and gave her report. She mentioned the called Executive Committee meeting held in Shreveport, the delegates attending the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah, Stewardship Conference at Camp Brewer, which was sponsored by the Conference Board of Education, the Board of Lay Activities, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The following report of conference workers was made, and appreciation for the fine work they are doing was expressed by the president.

Miss Pearly Mae Kelly, Southwestern College at Lafayette, Louisiana; Miss Lucille Pierce, Northwestern at Natchitoches, Louisiana; Rev. Norman Preston, Jr., on the Louisiana Tech Campus, Ruston, La. Miss Elizabeth Thompson, working with the Conference Board of Education, is the new Rural Deaconess who comes to Louisiana well qualified to fill the position. Mrs. Verna Webster Willis has been appointed head resident of St. Mark's.

The needs of McDonnell School and Sager-Brown were brought before the committee by Mrs. Laskey. An especial plea was made for their needs because of the fire at each place.

An interesting report on People's Community Center in New Orleans was given by Mrs. Sam Dunbar, Secretary of Organization and Promotion. She reported that the center is expanding in building and equipment.

The dates were set for the Annual Conference of the Louisiana Woman's Society of Christian Service to be held on April 8, 9, 10, 1947, in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Since there will be Convocation of all Jurisdictional Boards in Wichita, Kansas, on March 4-6, Houston will defer entertaining the Jurisdictional meeting until 1948.

Mrs. Pollard gave a report on the survey made in March of McDonnell Mission School, Houma, Louisiana.

Mrs. Charles F. Goldthwait, president of the New Orleans District, reported on St. Mark's Community Center in New Orleans, stating that Mrs. Mike Willis (formerly Miss Verna Webster) has been secured as head resident. A day nursery has been begun as a new project and \$2,000.00 worth of equipment has been donated. Two buildings have been made available with very efficient persons in charge. There are now four on the staff. Among them Miss Lillian Day, a graduate of Scarritt College and Mr. Mike Willis who assists with the boys' work.

Mrs. S. J. Fairchild reported that money for special memberships has exceeded that of the previous year. She asked that the December program on "World Federation" be stressed by all.

The cost of the printing of the Minutes for 1946 was read by the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jackson. There were 1400 copies printed totaling in cost \$452.48.

The report on the finances for the first three quarters was given by the Treasurer, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick. She reported total disbursements to be \$51,664.43.

The relationship of the Rural Worker to the Conference Board of Education, her salary and expenses were discussed.

Mrs. Kilpatrick moved and Mrs. Dameron seconded that \$25.00 per month be paid for Miss Thompson's room rent in Shreveport until such time as her salary is increased to the amount that she can pay this expense. Motion carried.

Upon motion of Mrs. Trice and a second by Mrs. E. E. Stewart that a committee be appointed to meet with the Conference Board of Education at their session during the Annual Conference to discuss the amount which they (the Board of Education) will contribute to the travel expense of Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Rural Deaconess for Louisiana. It is also moved that the treasurer be instructed to defray such expense as Miss Thompson may incur between now and the annual meeting of the Conference. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pomery moved and Mrs. Kilpatrick seconded that when more than one staff member uses the conference car, the expense shall be shared equally and that the car shall not be taken out of the conference unless the trip is approved by the Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

A statistical report on supplies for the first three quarters from Mrs. C. I. Jones, Secretary of Supplies, was read by Mrs. Jackson. Mrs. Jones listed the goals for the coming year as:

- (1) Some supply work in each society.
- (2) Some Home and Foreign supply work in each society.
- (3) Reporting 100 per cent.

She urged that each member of the Executive Committee encourage her local society and district to reach out toward these goals.

It was with a great deal of regret that the resignation of Mrs. C. I. Jones was read by Mrs. Laskey, to take effect at the close of this year. The quarterly report on supplies was submitted as follows: Total for three quarters:

Supplies Sent to Home Mission Institutions

	Value of New Supplies Including Postage	Cash to Conference Treasurer	Total
St. Mark's Community Center, 1st three quarters	\$ 893.07	\$ 795.87	\$ 1,688.94
McDonnell French Mission School and Wesley House, 1st 3 qtrs.	2,016.72	2,626.44	4,643.16
Other Home Mission Institutions, 1st 3qtrs.	158.49	701.91	860.40
By Wesleyan Service Guilds, 1st 3 qtrs.	154.73	247.20	401.93
By Youth, 1st 3 qtrs.	56.73	—	56.73
By Children, 1st 3 qtrs.	3.30	—	3.30
Grand total sent to Home Mission Institutions	\$ 3,283.04	\$ 4,371.42	\$ 7,654.46

Supplies Sent to Foreign Mission Institutions

By Woman's Society of Christian Service, 1st 3 qtrs.	\$ 490.54	\$ 2,811.92	\$ 3,302.46
By Wesleyan Service Guilds, 1st 3 qtrs.	274.00	139.83	413.83
By Youth, 1st 3 qtrs.	172.85	—	172.85
By Children, 1st 3 qtrs.	142.50	10.89	153.39
Grand total sent to Foreign Mission Institutions	\$ 1,079.89	\$ 2,962.89	\$ 4,042.53

Ministerial Supplies

Number of Ministers helped, total	\$ 42.50	—	\$ 42.50
Grand Total (Home, Foreign and Ministerial)	\$ 4,405.43	\$ 7,334.31	\$ 11,739.74

Mrs. S. J. Fairchild announced that the Life Membership Roll Book has been misplaced and she asked the help of those present in locating it.

In an interesting manner, Mrs. Pollard told of the Jurisdictional Executive Committee meeting held in the National College of Christian Workers in Kansas City, Kansas, the school being inter-racial. Regret was expressed by Mrs. Pollard that Mrs. Mills has given up the Vice-Presidency of the Woman's Division. Mrs. Mills has been replaced by Mrs. E. L. Hillman. Mrs. Pollard stated that we rejoice with the Woman's Division that Korea is opening up for the return of our missionaries. Miss Conroe, Secretary of Missionary Personnel, will return to Korea.

Mrs. Pollard said that the emphasis of the meeting was the letter from Mrs. Bragg telling of the deficit in the budget caused by the inflation in so many countries. Missionaries in China will have to be paid five times their former salary which will give them only 40% of actual necessities. The finance committee of the Jurisdiction recommended that every

woman in each society add an amount equal to 1 cent per day beginning in October, November and December, 1946, and add 1 cent per day to her 1947 pledge to help pay this deficit. Mrs. Bragg closed the letter with this thought, "Christianity cannot be taught, it must be caught."

Mrs. Pollard gave Mrs. W. Eckwall's report of 98 new societies with 6,914 new members. We have reached the 200,000 new membership goal in the Jurisdiction. Mrs. Joe T. Rogers reported 52 Home Mission projects in this Jurisdiction. Mrs. Pollard reported the publication of a new Spiritual Life leaflet and Prayer Calendar. She suggests these be given as Christmas gifts. She stated that emphasis will be placed on program planning for School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah and the following are to be speakers: Bishop Paul E. Martin, Mrs. David Jones and Dr. Goodloe.

Division subsidies to the School of Missions for 1947 will be given to: Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, and Secretary of Spiritual Life.

Jurisdiction subsidies to: Vice-Presidents, Secretary of Literature and Publication, Status of Women—Nominations of three women for the Board of Missions are to be made at annual conference.

Mrs. Pollard regretted that for so long Louisiana has had no one in training for full time Christian Service. She stated there are only 13 from the South Central Jurisdiction on Study Grants but none of these are from the Louisiana Conference. Study Grants are \$400.00.

It was suggested by Mrs. Pollard that at the Annual Conference in Lake Charles in April special recognition be given to every society who has attained the goal of increasing their per capita giving \$3.65.

MRS. GLENN LASKEY, Conference President,

MRS. E. N. JACKSON, Recording Secretary.

Wednesday Morning, October 24, 1946

The gracious hospitality of Mrs. J. R. Bevill was accepted by the group who met in her lovely home for the morning's session.

Mrs. Barnwell opened the meeting with an inspiring devotional using for the Hymn "Take Time to Be Holy." She chose for her theme "My God and I." She said, "I wait for the Lord. I will not hurry through the day. I will take time to think and pray." She closed with prayer asking for a greater vision for each person in her work.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron gave the report on Missionary Education and Service. She stated that Missionary Education shows progress in an increase in the number of reports received, classes held and members in classes. The improvement of the Seminars held was shown from 1944-1946:

	1944	1945	1946
Attendance	567	539	846
Societies reporting	128	120	151

State stated that the Educational Seminars and cost of packets were taken care of by offerings and sale of packets. Packets were sent to every society not attending Seminars.

Mrs. Dameron reported cooperation in Stewardship Promotional Conference at Camp Brewer. At least 16 women directly interested in the Woman's Society of Christian Service were present at this Conference. A study of the reports between 1941-1945 (years of WSCS) shows steady progress in the era of missionary education. She expressed appreciation to members of the Conference Study and Action Committee for their cooperation and to Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy for assuming the responsibility for putting the study and action packets together.

Mrs. Dameron reported that Brother Lawton expressed a willingness to come to any district, without expense, to train teachers who will teach the course on alcohol.

Mrs. Dameron stated that the Woman's Society of Christian Service had asked that (1) two approved studies be offered at Pastors' School (2) and time for workshops. This will be done if space is available.

The studies for 1947-48 are: "World Evangelism," "Prayer," and "We, the People of the United Nations." The names of Miss Kathrine Bieri, Miss Lila Mills, Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Mrs. Arrington, Miss Dorothy Weber, and Miss Thelma Stevens as teachers were submitted.

It was moved by Mrs. Dameron and seconded by Mrs. E. E. Stewart that the courses on "World Evangelism" and "We, the People of the United Nations" be taught at Pastors' School. Motion carried.

For the course on "We, the People of the United Nations" the teachers suggested were Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Miss Dorothy Weber, Miss Thelma Stevens and Miss Ele anor Neff. For the course on "World Evangelism" the teachers suggested are: Miss Kathrine Bieri, Miss Lila Mills, Mrs. Paul Arrington.

If a first choice of courses has to be made, Mrs. Campbell moved and Mrs. Manning seconded that the course on "We, the People of the United Nations" be taught. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dameron moved and seconded by Mrs. Ensminger that the full quota of 15 be sent to Mt. Sequowah and that the District Ssecretaries of Missionary Education be sent. After discussion this matter was referred to a committee composed of Mesdames Dameron, Sexton and Metcalf.

It was moved by Mrs. Dameron and seconded by Mrs. Metcalf that the six District Secretaries of Missionary Education be sent and amended by Mrs. Manning that each district bear the expense of delegate sent. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pollard moved and seconded by Mrs. Metcalf this matter be referred to a committee working with the president. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dameron asked that the New Orleans District be reimbursed for deficit in holding a Seminar. It was moved that the deficit be paid.

It was brought before the committee that since Mrs. Dameron has been made an officer in the South Central Jurisdiction that some one be elected by the body to fill this office. Mrs. Dameron placed before the group the name of Mrs. Harry Hendrick, Houma, Louisiana, who is a very capable, charming, consecrated person and she was unanimously elected. Mesdames Fairchild and Deas were appointed to send a telegram to Mrs. Hendrick informing her of her election. Mrs. Hendrick accepted and thanked the committee for the confidence placed in her.

Mrs. Dameron thanked all the officers for the cooperation given to her while serving as Secretary of Missionary Education and Service. At Mrs. Pollard's suggestion, the group stood in appreciation of the splendid work done by Mrs. Dameron.

Mrs. Laskey reminded the group of the opening that afternoon of the United Nations General Assembly. Mrs. Pomeroy asked that a few moments of silent meditation be given to this meeting and that prayers be directed each day toward God's help and guidance for this great occasion.

Mrs. Laskey gave a portion of the poem, "Build Me a House," by Thomas Curtis Clark, as a fitting thought in connection with the opening of the United Nations Assembly.

Mrs. Ledbetter informed the group that the Woman's Division had sent Resolutions to the United Nations' organization.

Materials concerning Christian Social Relations were passed around by Mrs. Pomeroy including her mimeographed report. She reported \$28,440 spent this year by 100 societies. Mrs. F. E. Kennon of Minden, Louisiana, was sent to De Pauw University receiving the Jurisdictional subsidy for this purpose.

Mrs. Pomeroy stated progress has been made in legislation. She moved and Mrs. Tarver seconded that this Executive Committee wire the Department of Christian Social Relations its approval of the publication of the "Information and Action Bulletin" and ask that it be continued. Motion carried.

More unity and cooperation between the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild was urged by Mrs. Pomeroy. She mentioned the services of Miss Batton of Minden are available to any society for the Christian Social Relations Work.

It was suggested by Mrs. Pomeroy that one day Seminars be planned for the study of Alcohol Education in each district. A meeting is to be held in Shreveport to coordinate all dates of the conference thus avoiding overlapping. Mesdames Laskey, Dameron, Pomeroy forming the committee to meet with the Conference Board of Education and Laymen to assist in working out these plans.

Upon motion of Mrs. Pollard and seconded by Mrs. Tarver it was voted that we participate in these Seminars. Motion carried.

Mrs. Pomeroy read a letter from Mr. Carl Soule stating the indebtedness of the Louisiana Conference for conscientious objectors to be \$1,2161.00. Upon motion of Mrs. Pomeroy and a second by Mrs. Trice it was moved that the Woman's Society Executive Committee request the world Service Finance Commission of the Methodist Church to assume this responsibility and that recommendations be sent to Dr. Serex of Monroe, La., chairman of the Commission on Peace. Motion carried

Finances of the Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities were reported by Mrs. Pomeroy and stating the amount of \$300.00 budgeted for the year. Tangible results were shown from this amount used for this part of the work:

Received First and Second Quarters	Total	\$270.00
Disbursed--First Quarter	Total	119.95
Second Quarter	Total	92.15
Third Quarter	Total	44.31
Legislative Council Project	Total	53.16
Total Disbursed		309.57
Total Received		270.00
Balance in fund		30.00

It was moved by Mrs. Kilpatrick and seconded by Mrs. Dunbar that the Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities fund be reimbursed by paying \$20.90 for expenses of delegate to De Pauw University.

Mrs. Lasky explained the need for someone to replace Mrs. Dameron as delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference. Mrs. Sartor was the next in order, being the first alternate. The election of two alternates was in order to fill two vacancies. Upon motion of Pomeroy and seconded by Mrs. Pollard it was decided that secret ballot be taken to choose these two alternates.

Mrs. Fairchild and Mrs. Deas were appointed by Mrs. Laskey as tellers to count the votes.

Mesdames Dameron, Sexton and Metcalf were appointed by the president to bring recommendations for the afternoon meeting concerning delegates to be sent to Mt. Sequoyah.

A very inspiring and interesting report was given by the new conference Secretary of Student Work, Mrs. W. E. Trice. She spoke of the joys

she received in attending the National Meeting of Student Workers at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla. She finds a very definite need of having someone work with students, wherever we have students. She reports of keeping in direct contact with the paid workers on each campus and has put forth much effort to have a secretary of student work functioning in each local society. She also reports 20,000 Methodist students on various campuses of Louisiana. The second phase of her work is on the \$5.00 plan.

Mrs. J. N. R. Score, Secretary of Student Work in the South Central Jurisdiction has asked that special emphasis be placed on securing students for full time Christian service.

Mrs. Laskey reported on a request from Rev. Marlin, Pastor at Hammond, for funds toward establishing student work upon a permanent basis at Southeastern. He is asking for \$300.00 from the Woman's Society for this project. He also wished to know if a study grant is available for a young woman who wishes to attend Scarritt.

It was moved by Mrs. Trice and a second by Mrs. Ensminger that a committee be appointed to investigate this project further and bring recommendations. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ledbetter asked that this committee report findings to the Executive Committee meeting to be held preceding Conference in April.

Mrs. Ledbetter moved and seconded by Miss Mollye Stewart that a memorial be sent to the Policy Committee at Buck Falls asking the approval of the expenditure of money for this student project. Motion carried.

The following report from Mrs. Fairchild as teller on votes was: Mesdames Tarver 12, Fairchild 7, Jackson 5, Goldthwait 4, Trice 3, Tidwell 3, Barnwell 2, Hendricks 2. It was moved by Mrs. Dameron and seconded by Mrs. Manning that the two highest on the list be named as alternates.

The following committee appointments were made by Mrs. Laskey:

FINANCE: Mesdames Kilpatrick, Fairchild, Smith, Ledbetter, Ira Campbell, Dameron.

ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION: Mrs. D. M. Campbell.

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARIES AND DISTRICT PRESIDENTS: Miss Elizabeth Thompson.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM: Mesdames Pomeroy, Pollard, Sexton, Jackson, Lambert, Davidson, Sartor.

RESOLUTIONS: Mesdames Tarver, Barnwell, Trice.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Mesdames Ledbetter and E. E. Stewart.

Mrs. Laskey announced the committees would meet for two hours following lunch, after which the Executive Committee would reconvene for regular session.

At this time, through the gracious hospitality of the hostess, Mrs. Bevill, coffee was served.

A letter was read by Mrs. Kilpatrick from Mrs. Shaffer asking the advisability of changing the name of "Spiritual Life" to something else. Mrs. Sexton stated that much thought should be given before making any changes. "Unify and Simplify," she reminded us, is to be kept in mind.

The meeting adjourned for the luncheon hour.

MRS. GLENN LASKEY, Conference President,

MRS. E. N. JACKSON, Recording Secretary.

Luncheon

A delightful luncheon hour followed. Mrs. R. L. Pritchett, the local society's study leader, presented a most unusual program during the luncheon hour, centering on India, the study for the past quarter in each society.

It was truly "Indian Summer", with huge baskets of fall flowers and leaves of every hue placed at advantageous points over the room. Members of the local society were dressed in colorful Indian Saris, creating the atmosphere for the program. Menus were hand painted and an appetizing menu of Indian delicacies was served.

The president, Mrs. Laskey, took this occasion to introduce the guests for the day. Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., of Shreveport, and president of the South Central Jurisdiction, Mrs. J. B. Pollard and Mrs. G. W. Dameron. The new Rural Worker for Louisiana, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, was introduced.

Wednesday Afternoon, October 24, 1946

Following committee meetings the afternoon's business session was reopened with Mrs. David Tarver bringing recommendations from the committee appointed at the called Executive Committee meeting in Shreveport to study the printing of the Conference Minutes and two suggestions were submitted:

(1) That the minutes be furnished free of expense to each society and the local societies or districts bear the expense of a Study Grant.

(2) The conference charge for the minutes and the money be placed on a study grant.

After much discussion, action on this was deferred until Conference.

It was moved by Mrs. Tarver and seconded by Mrs. E. E. Stewart that this same committee be continued, and make further study of the question. Motion carried.

The Secretary of Organization and Promotion, Mrs. D. M. Campbell, gave the following report of her work: (1) A very profitable Officers' Training Day held in Alexandria in May. (2) Spring District Meetings held and well attended. (3) Mt. Sequoyah attended by 5 District Promotional Secretaries and the Conference Secretary. (5) Mrs. Campbell also visited student centers. (6) Educational Seminars were held in each district with Miss Christianson, Missionary from India, being the guest speaker. Mrs. Campbell reported 250 societies and 13 new societies, with a membership of 9,157, 60 Wesleyan Service Guilds with a membership of 1,081. Total members in the Woman's Society of Christian Service being 10,238. A net gain of 5.38 at the end of this quarter. The total pledge paid to the Woman's Division being \$38,896.41 for the year.

A letter of thanks from Miss Christianson was read by Mrs. Campbell, thanking the Conference for the \$50.00 gift given her in appreciation of her contribution to the Seminars.

Mrs. R. W. Smith, representing the Wesleyan Service Guild, expressed regret for Miss Grace Lawson not being able to attend the Executive Committee meeting. Mrs. Smith gave a very interesting report, stating that 5 District meetings were held during the summer. She reported 60 Wesleyan Service Guilds and mentioned the fact that some have formed night circles instead of being in the Guild.

Mrs. W. A. Barnwell, Secretary of Children's Work, in her sweet manner, gave her report. State stated that she had attended the Children's Conference at Camp Brewer, assisting Mrs. Roy O. Scales of Shreveport. Mrs. Chinn from the Texas Conference being the guest speaker. Mrs. Barnwell urged that as a part of the whole school we, in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, help recruit teachers and promote training or vacation schools for the children.

A Children's Workers' Bulletin will be issued each quarter to every District Secretary from Mrs. Barnwell and Mrs. Scales.

Mrs. Barnwell expressed the desire for a more unified or definite plan to include concrete assemblage of material for the children's work and this be on display at Seminars. The expense for this Children's Bulletin to be about \$12.50 per quarter—part of this expense will be borne by Mrs. Scales from the Conference Board of Education.

Mrs. Sexton expressed the hope that work with children and youth be coordinated as far as possible between the Church and Woman's Society.

Upon motion of Mrs. Manning and seconded by Miss Mollye Stewart it was voted that the treasurer, Mrs. Kilpatrick, be authorized to pay any additional expense in the printing of the Bulletin until such a cooperative plan can be set up. Motion carried.

Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr., Secretary of Literature and Publications, gave her report. She especially requested all literature be used as designated for each quarter:

1st Quarter—The study of literature by officers.

2nd Quarter—Field Literature and Mission Studies.

3rd Quarter—Literature for Christian Social Relations Department.

She stated an improvement in most lines, with 143 now reporting and many using the annual report blanks—90 reporting for this quarter. Quarterly letters have been sent to District and Local Secretaries. Mrs. Davidson reported the editing quarterly of the "Conference News" and thanked each officer for the splendid material sent to her.

Mrs. Pomeroy reported from the committee appointed to help determine the future of the "New Orleans Advocate" since Dr. Duren is retiring November 1.

The committee has asked for a new plan to be tried for a year, that is, the coalition of all the Methodist papers now being edited in Louisiana. She explained that Bishop Martin met with the committee and from that committee comes the recommendation for a Conference Promotional Sheet for Louisiana through the Board of Education instead of the separate ones as Conference News, Louisiana Orphanage, Christian Educational, Bulletin, Christian Advocate and to be done with the help of an assistant editor, which paper will be issued monthly. A fee of 50c per year be charged for this monthly publication and this to be subsidized through the local churches by an amount equal to a subscription for each family in every church.

The name of the publication to be "The Louisiana Methodist" (successor to the New Orleans Christian Advocate). There being a scarcity in paper, it will not be possible to issue a weekly edition but this is hoped for when conditions are better.

Mrs. Sexton requested that a Secretary of Literature and Publications be on the editor's staff and go into this on a cooperative basis. \$200.00 has been allocated per year for the "Conference News" plus \$7.00 per quarter for postage.

A motion by Mrs. E. E. Stewart and seconded by Mrs. Ensminger that the Woman's Society of Christian Service cooperate with the other Boards in the Louisiana Conference in the publishing of "The Louisiana Methodist" for one year and that a Secretary of Literature and Publication be allowed to help edit the Woman's Society page and that \$200.00 formerly used by the Conference News be allotted to this new publication. Motion carried.

A plea was made by Mesdames Davidson and Sexton that more news be sent to them of all activities of officers and societies and of all missionary news.

The Secretary of Missionary Personnel, Mrs. David Tarver, reports sending a letter requesting a chairman of missionary personnel be appointed in local societies. The goal set is the recruiting of 5,000 for the ministry and 5,000 in other fields of service during the year of Stewardship. There has been reported 30 volunteers for life service but this list is not complete. Mrs. Tarver especially asks that all names of young people interested in Missionary Service be sent to her immediately.

Mrs. Tarver reports enough money on hand for four Study Grants. The also mentioned the handbook is available and will be sent from the Jurisdiction to each Missionary Personnel Secretary.

A motion was made by Mrs. Tarver and seconded by Mrs. Manning that Mrs. Tarver be given expense money to buy greeting cards to be sent to those young people giving their names for life service. Motion carried.

Mrs. E. A. Sartor, Secretary of Youth Work, gave a very interesting report on all phases of this work. She stated that packets of material for the youth work will be mailed out in the fall.

Miss Johnson has asked Mrs. Sartor to locate weak places in the youth work as she goes about.

Mrs. L. E. Hoover, Secretary of Youth Work in the Jurisdiction, has sent out more simplified material containing the duties of new secretaries in youth work.

Mrs. Sartor stated an increase in number of World Friendship Commissions, the number attending School of Missions and Camps, and Interest Groups for girls and young women. She was happy to announce a great increase in the amount paid in the Methodist Youth Fund by the young people. She attributed this to the success of the youth rallies.

Mrs. Sartor regretted there being a decrease in the Joint Committees functioning. Supplies have been sent by the young people to the Philippines, China, and Wesley Community House in San Antonio and to Dulac.

The theme of material to be ordered for Girl Interest Groups is: "Blueprint for Brotherhood."

Mrs. Sartor placed special emphasis on the need for all secretaries of youth work to attend all meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She asked for better reports from District Secretaries of Youth Work. She was happy to add that there is more cooperation in all phases of the work. The meeting adjourned for the supper hour.

Wednesday Evening, October 24, 1946

Following the afternoon's committee meetings, the group assembled for the dinner hour. A delightful 6 o'clock dinner was served, a courtesy of the Haynesville Society. During the dinner Mrs. S. J. Fairchild made a presentation from the Conference of an Honorary Life Patron membership to the new Jurisdictional Secretary of Mission Education and Service, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, in appreciation of the splendid service she has rendered as a Conference Officer.

The committee reassembled for business in the home of Mrs. S. J. Beane with Mrs. Fairchild opening the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Ira Campbell, Secretary of Status of Women, began her report of that work by asking that the objectives of Status of Women be stressed more in local societies and the nurturing of this new part of the work into greater growth. She has kept in close contact with each Secretary of Status of Women in the district and she stated that at Officers' Training Day in Alexandria a joint letter was formed asking the presidents of each society to stress the importance of this work and watch for opportunities where this new phase of the work may be enhanced. She asked that a survey in each church be made and that questionnaires be sent to each society in the form of mimeographed cards that would supply all information on Status of Women.

Mrs. Campbell moved and Mrs. Deas seconded that questionnaires for Status of Women be printed. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dameron submitted the following recommendations of the Committee on delegates to School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah.

1. That the conference defray the expense of three cars to the School of Missions and that the following persons be given places in the car: (a) Conference President, (b) Six subsidized Conference Officers, (c) One representative from the Wesleyan Service Guild, (d) Seven District Officers.

2. That the seven District Officers be divided between the District Presidents and District Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service.
3. That a committee be appointed to make the selection of the seven District Officers, giving special consideration to those new in the work.
4. That the conference subsidize the seven District Officers and the representative of the Wesleyan Service Guild to the amount of \$10.00 per person in addition to the expense of the car and the remainder of the expense of the Wesleyan Service Guild representative be provided from district cultivation funds of the Wesleyan Service Guild.
5. That in keeping with the proposed change in Article IV, Section 7, under funds, districts having representatives at the School of Missions may supplement the amount provided by the Conference from the collection at the Annual District meeting.

MRS. GEORGE S. SEXTON, JR.,

MRS. G. W. DAMERON.

Upon motion of Mrs. Dameron and a second by Mrs. Deas the recommendations were adopted.

Miss Elizabeth Thompson, the new Rural Worker for Louisiana, expressed to the group her joy in anticipation of working in the Louisiana Conference. She gave the following address so that she may be contacted wherever there is a need for her: Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Box 71, Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Miss Thompson expressed the hope of having a Methodist Rural Fellowship in Louisiana. She asks for the cooperation of the District Superintendents and Ministers in her work and that those of the Conference Officers present familiarize each District Secretary with the work to be done by and through her as a rural worker.

Miss Thompson requests that the Woman's Society of Christian Service work with the Conference Board of Education in coordinating the rural work.

It was moved by Mrs. Manning and seconded by Miss Mollye Stewart that the name of "Spiritual Life" be retained for that part of the work. Motion carried.

Recommendations from the Committee on the Department of Organization and Promotion were presented by Mrs. Deas. We recommend:

1. That each local society president make a time on her program to present the recommendations of the various departments of work.
2. That an intensive membership campaign be made during the rest of 1946 to try to meet the membership goals.
3. That we promote any recommendations brought in from the Finance Committee to the end that each individual's pledge for 1947 be increased.
4. That we continue our efforts to have a society in every charge and extend those efforts to every church possible.
5. We suggest that the ruling handed down from the Division concerning membership be adhered to, that is, on January 1st report as members those who have made a contribution of prayer, service and money during the preceding year and continue to report these members until the following January unless removed by residence or death.
6. That the goals be studied in the Executive Meeting and make plans to attain each goal, making each officer responsible for achieving the goal corresponding to her line of work, and check each quarter in the local society what progress has been made in attainment of goals.
7. That for 1947 in place of Officers' Training Day we substitute a visitation campaign by conference and district officers into each local society.
8. That we have at least two zone meetings during the calendar year and that the programs be planned by a committee composed of the Zone

Leaders, District Presidents, and District Promotional Secretary, to promote the work of the Woman's Society through model meetings, skits, workshops, playlets, panel discussions or material secured from other christian literature and that the meeting be worshipful, informative, inspirational and give opportunity for fellowship.

9. That the district set up a research committee at the beginning of the year, the chairman and members be chosen by the District Executive Committee.

10. That you be courteous but persistent in stressing reports.

MRS. D. M. CAMPBELL, Chairman,

MRS. STEWART DEAS, Secretary.

Mrs. D. M. Campbell moved and Mrs. Ensminger seconded the adoption of the Recommendations submitted by the Committee on Organization and Promotion.

Motion carried.

The report on student work at Southwestern, Lafayette, Louisiana, was given by Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr. She mentioned the fine work being done by Miss Pearly Mae Kelly. She enumerated interesting activities planned by Miss Kelly at the college and brought a plea from Miss Kelly for the prayers of the Executive Committee in helping her understand and solve the difficult problems that arise.

The following recommendations from the Finance Committee were submitted by Mrs. Ira Campbell complying with suggestions from the Division and the Jurisdiction. We recommend:

1. Each local society and Wesleyan Service Guild send to the Conference Treasurer an amount equal to 1c per member for each day of October, November, and December, 1946.

2. That district pledges to conference total \$50,000.00 and that the Conference pledge to the Division be this amount less 40c per member for Conference Cultivation.

3. To meet this increase members be urged to increase their pledge a penny a day for the year 1947.

4. That the number of members in the local society and Wesleyan Service Guild meeting this challenge for 1947 be reported to the District Treasurer by February 1 that special recognition may be given at Jurisdictional and Annual Conference.

5. Foreseeing the necessity for purchasing a new car for the rural work in 1947, with the possibility of \$750.00 or more being needed. We recommend that each local society include in its budget a gift for the purchase of the car, the money to be sent to the District Treasurer the 1st quarter 1947. We further recommend that this appeal be made through the Secretary of Supplies in the 4th quarter of 1946.

6. That Article IV, Section 7, be amended by deleting "for conference work" and substituting "for promotional work in the District" and by deleting the last sentence.

7. That Section 5 be changed to read forty cents per member shall be set aside by the treasurer for a cultivation fund, membership to be based on enrollment as of December 31, of the preceding year. Expense of officers, speakers at annual meetings, expense of executive meetings, expense of delegates to the Jurisdiction Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, expense for promotional and education work of the conference shall be paid from this cultivation fund.

All monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the conference work shall revert to the general fund.

MRS. L. B. KILPATRICK, Chairman,

MRS. IRA CAMPBELL, Secretary.

It was moved by Mrs. Pomeroy and seconded by Mrs. Manning the adoption of the above recommendations. Motion carried. Each recommendation was discussed and then voted on, approved and adopted separately by the group.

Mrs. Dameron reported on the acceptance of Mrs. Harry Hendrick of Houma, La., to the office of Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service to replace Mrs. Dameron.

Student work at Louisiana Tech, Ruston, La., was reported by Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr. Mention was made by Mrs. Manning of the fine work done on the campus by Rev. Norman Preston, Jr., and a large Church School class composed of fifty of the college students and taught by Mrs. Laskey. An adult married couple's class is being formed on the campus.

At this time there was a delightful interlude of a few minutes while the hostess, Mrs. S. J. Beane, served refreshments to the committee.

Miss Mollye Stewart submitted a very interesting report for Miss Lucille Pierce of her work with the students of Northwestern in Natchitoches, La. There are 250 Methodists students on the campus, they are well organized, with various activities and have an excellent enrollment in Church School and the choir. The Executive Committee commended the fine work of Miss Pierce. The great need of the college students is the enlargement of the Methodist Student Center on the campus.

The following recommendations of the Conference Planning Committee were submitted by Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr. The Conference Planning Committee recommends:

1. That Conference be held in Lake Charles on April 8, 9, 10.
2. That the theme for the conference be "One Word for One World."
3. That Mrs. J. D. Bragg be the speaker for the first evening's meeting, using as her theme "One Great Fellowship of Love."
4. That the president's message be presented on the Tuesday evenings' program.
5. That conference open Tuesday morning, April 8, at 11 o'clock, with a retreat program:
 - (a) That one of the following be invited to lead the retreat:
 1. Dr. Margaret Applegarth.
 2. Mrs. John Leonard.
 3. Miss Julia Reid.
 - (b) That the retreat leader conduct the Quiet Hour each day.
 - (c) That Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jenkins be invited to lead the music for the retreat and throughout conference.
6. That the planning committee meet immediately following the Tuesday afternoon session.
7. That a "Golden Cord Dinner" be held Tuesday evening with Mrs. Kilpatrick presiding.
 - (a) That the theme of the dinner be "His Service is the Golden Cord—Close Binding all Mankind."
 - (b) That the main feature be a recognition service for those increasing their pledges a penny a day.
 - (c) That the address of welcome and response be presented on this program.
8. That the emphasis for the Christian Social Relations hour be on "World Order" and that Dr. Dent of Dillard University be invited to be the speaker.
9. That a Youth program be planned for the dinner and evening meetings Wednesday.
 - (a) That Dr. and Mrs. J. N. R. Score be invited to be the speaker.
 - (b) That the student workers be used on this program.
 - (c) That Mesdames Sartor, Trice, Tarver and Davidson be appointed to complete the plans for this program.

10. That representatives of all Institutions and in the Rural work in the Conference be presented on the conference program.

11. That the Memorial Service be held in the District meetings rather than at Conference.

The above recommendations were unanimously approved and adopted.

It was suggested and put in the form of a motion by Mrs. Dameron, seconded by Mrs. Deas, that mimeographed copies of recommendations from each officer be brought to conference and distributed to the delegated body. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Davidson and seconded by Mrs. Dunbar that Mrs. D. M. Campbell assign conference delegates to the planning committees.

Upon motion of Mrs. Davidson and second by Mrs. Stewart that the Administrative Committee serve as an Advisory Committee to work with the Rural Worker, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, until the annual conference meeting in April. Motion carried.

Mrs. Davidson requested that material for the "Conference News" be sent her by November 10, so that the information may be available for the newly elected officers.

Mrs. Manning moved and seconded by Mrs. Ira Campbell that the above be done. Motion carried.

Mrs. D. M. Campbell moved and seconded by Mrs. Tarver that a single sheet of conference information be edited and sent to each officer before conference in the place of the regular "Conference News". Motion carried.

As has been the custom in former years, the meeting was concluded with all forming a circle and joining hands and each offering a prayer to do more in His name.

The meeting adjourned.

MRS. GLENN LASKEY, Conference President,

MRS. E. N. JACKSON, Recording Secretary.

Tuesday Morning, October 25, 1946

On Thursday morning from 10 to 12:30 o'clock an impressive and inspirational Retreat Program was conducted by Mrs. G. W. Dameron of New Orleans, La., in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church in Haynesville, La.

Special guests for this time were officers and leaders of the Haynesville Woman's Society, Presidents and Spiritual Life Leaders of Zone 1 and District Officers living near. The Haynesville Society had arranged most effectively an altar worship center, using the lighted cross, the open Bible and a portrait of Christ with a background of white chrysanthemums and white candles softly gleaming.

Those participating on the morning's program were:

Mrs. Dameron, using as her theme "Christian Stewardship."

A solo, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God," was softly sung by Mrs. David Tarver.

Mrs. D. M. Campbell on "Stewardship of Time, Talents, Service."

A quiet meditation, "Think on These Things," and a stewardship Litany "Prayer for the Vision of Jesus" was entered into by those present.

Mrs. W. E. Trice of Baton Rouge, La., whose theme was "Stewardship of the Home."

"Stewardship of Influence and Community Life" was the subject used by Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy of Minden, La.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey of Ruston, La., spoke on "We Have a Secret to Share."

Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Rural Worker for Louisiana, used for her theme "The World's Horizon."

Mrs. David Tarver very beautifully sang "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked."

The Act of Dedication—those present spoke from their hearts in the way they felt they could rededicate their lives. "A Song of Peace" was sung by Mrs. Tarver.

Mrs. Dameron closed the morning's meditation and dedicatory service with prayer.

A delightful luncheon hour followed, a courtesy of the local society. Mrs. David Tarver read the following Resolutions of Appreciation:

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference in session at the October, 1946, mid-year meeting wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the Woman's Society of the Haynesville Methodist Church for the hospitality and friendship which it has so graciously extended.

We thank Mrs. George Sexton, Mrs. Wiltz Ledbetter, and Mrs. J. B. Pollard, past Presidents and now Jurisdiction and Division Officers for the information and inspiration which they shared with the group. It has been good to have with us our new Jurisdiction Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, also our new rural Deaconess, Miss Elizabeth Thompson.

We are deeply grateful to our President, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, for her wise guidance and sincere devotion in leading us in our planning for a program of enlarged Christian Service.

We are mindful of the fine contribution which all other members of the Executive Committee have given to make this a successful meeting.

We give thanks to the President, Mrs. T. H. Arnold, and to the individual members of the hostess society who have made possible entertainment in their lovely homes: the beautifully appointed luncheon and dinners; the dramatic presentation of "Fun and Festival in India"; to Mrs. Joe Bevill and Mrs. S. J. Beane for the use of their homes for meetings, and for every courtesy shown by all members and friends, and the hospitality to out of town guests for the Retreat.

We sincerely appreciate every thoughtfulness of our Pastor Host and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Doss, Jr. We are conscious of the Abiding Presence of our Heavenly Father, and we give thanks to Him who has made all good things possible.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. David Tarver,
Mrs. William E. Trice,
Mrs. W. A. Barnwell.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, APRIL 7, 1947

Monday Afternoon, April 7, 1947

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met at 4:15 p. m., in the parlor of the First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, La., preceding the meeting of the Annual Louisiana Conference Society.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, after which a brief period of worship was led by Mrs. Clarence Shaffer of

Shreveport. The Scripture used was "Sir, we would see Jesus." If you were asked to show someone Jesus, who or what would you show them? This is a challenge. She quoted the hymn, "Can the World See Jesus in You" and closed with prayer.

The president greeted old members and welcomed new ones.

The roll was called by Mrs. Jackson and the absence of Mesdames C. I. Jones, David Tarver and George Whitener was noted. Mrs. Laskey explained the necessity for the absence of each and expressed regrets in their not being able to be there.

The president appointed Mrs. S. J. Fairchild to send telegrams of greetings and messages of regret to these absent ones.

The Agenda was referred to by Mrs. Laskey and elaborated upon.

ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

Mrs. D. M. Campbell gave her report as Conference Promotion Secretary. She stated that the Secretaries of Organization and Promotion from now on will be referred to as "Promotional Secretaries."

A new handbook is to be issued soon and literature for circles is available.

The purchasing of kodakachrome slides for \$35.00 to be used by the societies, rural Deaconess, and the Conference was discussed; also whether to share this expense with the Arkansas Conference. No action was taken. But the Executive Committee expressed the opinion that should money be available after the budget was presented the Louisiana Conference should purchase their own slides.

She stated there are 1,300,000 members in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She urged we increase our membership in Louisiana.

One cent gift boxes are available to be used for the \$3.65 pledge of 1c a day.

Mrs. Pollard announced the Missionary Personnel Committee in each local society to be the Secretary of Youth, Student Secretary, Pastor and President of the society.

It was announced by Mrs. Laskey that for this year members of the Woman's Society are not to be included in the yearly Pastors' School on account of crowded conditions.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Mrs. Harry Hendrick, Houma, La., the new Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service, expressed her joy in the privilege of serving in this capacity. She gave the following report:

Conference School of Missions to be held at Houma, La., June 9-13. Teachers to be announced later.

This to be an accredited school—cost \$11.00 (\$2.00 registration and \$9.00 room and board). Dr. Albert Hurley, Pastor of Houma, to be the dean of the school.

The attendance will be limited to 50 people.

Courses offered: (1) "World Evangelism; (2) "We, the People of the United Nations."

Mrs. John B. Leonard, Jurisdictional Spiritual Life Secretary, to conduct the Vesper Service.

Workshops were discussed.

Mrs. Dameron suggested that we follow the plan of workshops that will be used at Mt. Sequoyah.

It was moved by Mrs. Pomeroy and seconded by Miss Mollye Stewart that workshops be held on Spiritual Life, Vice-Presidents, Status of Women, Literature and Publication and an overall workshop on program planning.

Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick presented the proposed budget for 1947. She explained it in detail and stated that the amount paid in for cultivation had not been sufficient to take care of all expenses. The present one is based on 45c per member, with \$900 for supplementary gift for Rural Deaconess, hereby reducing pledges to Jurisdiction to \$44,390. Mrs. Pollard stated that she thought the pledge should not be lowered. After much discussion, Mrs. Campbell moved and Mrs. Pollard seconded that the pledge accepted by the District be raised sufficiently to meet all conference expenses.

It was moved by Mrs. Pollard and seconded by Mrs. Metcalf that the Cultivation Fund be increased to 50c.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Laskey asked that the finance committee rework the budget and bring it in harmony with committee on by-laws and bring back at a later date for approval and adoption.

Mrs. Kilpatrick stated that the Board of Education had requested the Woman's Society to pay fifty dollars (\$50) on the salary of the Conference Youth Worker, Miss West. This to be a cooperative project.

Action deferred.

A telegram from Mrs. Barnwell, Secretary of Children's Work, was read by the secretary, expressing her regrets in not being able to be present and extending her good wishes and prayers for the success of the Conference.

Mrs. Fairchild was appointed by the president to send a telegram to the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, convening in Shreveport, expressing our greetings and best wishes.

Mrs. Pollard closed the meeting with prayer. Adjourned.

MRS. GLENN LASKEY, President,

MRS. E. N. JACKSON, Recording Secretary.

Monday Night Session, April 7, 1947

Business was resumed after the dinner hour.

A report was given by Mrs. W. E. Trice, Chairman of the Committee appointed to investigate student work at Southeastern College at Hammond, La. She reported a student center has been built in the past year.

She also stated that the present pastor of the Hammond Methodist Church, Rev. Ira Flowers, was asking for a full time student worker and requested that the Woman's Society of Christian Service pay \$125 per month salary for student worker, the rest to be supplied by the local church.

It was moved by Mrs. Manning and seconded by Mrs. Dameron that we request \$100 per month from the Woman's Division to apply on the salary of a student worker at Southeastern College in Hammond.

Motion carried.

St. Mark's

Mrs. Charles F. Goldthwait reported an entire new staff since the first of September last year and much progress having been made.

The Woman's Division is helping to repair the furnace which also serves to heat the water for the swimming pool.

She reported the gift to St. Mark's from a friend of two house lots.

The Day Nursery maintained for children 3½ to 4 years of age is showing much improvement under the supervision of Miss Porter.

Wesleyan Service Guild

Miss Grace Lawson reported the Wesleyan Service Guild is making much progress and that the weekend Conference of the Wesleyan Service Guild would be held at Camp Brewer, Alexandria, Louisiana, June 14-15, beginning on Saturday afternoon.

Christian Social Relations

It was moved by Mrs. Pomeroy and a second by Mrs. Metcalf that Mesdames C. F. Goldthwait, G. W. Dameron and Mike Willis be named as fraternal delegates to the Louisiana Conference on Social Welfare to be held in New Orleans on April 15-16-17, 1947.

Motion carried.

Recommendations:

That we send two delegates to the National Seminar on "The Status and Responsibility of Women in the World Today," July 24-August 6—that the delegates be:

- (1) The President.
- (2) The Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild.
- (3) The Secretary of C. S. R. or a District Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, Status of Women or Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.

II. (a) That we work for a State-wide followup Conference on Juvenile Delinquency and that the Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Youth Work and Children's Work be sent as delegates to such a Conference.

(b) That local members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service be charged with the responsibility of interpreting the Conference to their communities.

III. That we urge our societies to continue to support to the maximum the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

IV. That we cooperate in a Conference-wide Convocation of all Boards of the Church where Alcohol Education will be stressed.

V. That we send \$5.00 to the Treasurer of the Louisiana Legislative Council to help send Dr. Young to the National Conference of Legislative Councils.

VI. That we name Mrs. Charles Goldthwait, Mrs. Mike Willis and Mrs. G. W. Dameron fraternal delegates to the Louisiana Conference of Social Welfare in New Orleans, April 15-16-17, 1947.

Mrs. Pomeroy announced that the District Superintendent of the Conference had assumed the indebtedness of the Louisiana Conscientious Objectors and to date \$266.00 has been paid on it.

Mrs. Pomeroy passed mimeographed copies of the report of the Christian Social Relations Budget.

Mrs. J. J. Davidson stated that Miss Thompson, our rural Deaconess, had asked that religious literature be supplied for rural societies.

The following list was suggested by Mrs. Laskey:

"Fine Art of Living."

"Power."

"New Life Magazine"—new copies, Upper Room.

"World Outlook," and she suggested a gift of a subscription to "The Methodist Woman" and "World Outlook" to a rural society. \$2.00 credit cards to Literature Headquarters.

Mrs. Davidson reported that we are allowed 10% commission by the publishing house on all books sold at Conference.

Mrs. Davidson moved that this amount be used to supply this need. Approved unanimously.

The Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service has been asked to send a rural farm woman as a delegate, along with the president, to the National Rural Life Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska. Miss Thompson had been requested to submit names of qualified women. The following names were presented the research committee as possible delegates: Mesdames P. D. Lambert, W. C. McDonald, Otis Welch and Audrey Driscoll.

Mrs. Pollard stated that it was time for the Conference to present the name of three persons for nomination and possible election to the Board of Missions.

The following names were submitted: Mesdames George Sexton, Jr., J. B. Pollard and Glenn Laskey.

Mrs. Fairchild reported finding the Life Membership Roll Book, and told that it was brought up to date and is on display.

A discussion on the continuance of the editing of the Conference News was asked for by Mrs. J. J. Davidson.

After much discussion, Mrs. Metcalf moved and seconded by Mrs. Tisdale that the "Conference News" be discontinued for one year.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Poberoy moved, seconded by Mrs. Lambert, that the above motion be reconsidered until after the Planning Committee meets.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Dameron closed with prayer.

Adjourned.

MRS. GLENN LASKEY, President,
MRS. E. N. JACKSON, Recording Secretary.

Tuesday Morning, April 8, 1947

The Executive Committee met in the parlor of the church at 9:30 a. m. for a business session with Mrs Laskey presiding.

Meeting opened with prayer.

The following committees were appointed by Mrs. Laskey: **Distributing Tellers:** Mesdames Allen Porter, chairman; J. W. Patrick, A. A. Kidd, W. D. Roberts, Jr., R. D. Crowell, Jr. **Counting Tellers:** Mesdames W. D. Boddie, Jr., chairman; Haller Jackson, B. A. Galloway, W. D. Cotton, J. J. Griffith, Ada Babington. **Resolutions:** Mesdames Hal Lewis, chairman; Larkin Brantley and R. E. Brumby. **Committee or Journal:** Mesdames John A. Dixon, chairman; W. J. Givens, Harvey Hall.

The following recommendations of Finance Committee were submitted by Mrs. Kilpatrick.

Recommendations:

1. Due to the desperate need for funds for scholarships at Scarrett, we recommend that we release the accrued interest from the Haas Scholarship, amount of \$694.14, toward the general pool for needed scholarships.

It was decided to delay action on this recommendation until after the mid-year meeting, in order to determine whether our Louisiana girls will need this fund.

2. We recommend that societies be asked to direct money during 1947-48 to the People's Community Center, which was formerly given for Dulac Indians.

3. We recommend that the cultivation fund paid by local Wesleyan Service Guilds be held for the use of the District Guild Secretary for cultivation work of the Guild in the District. All bills shall be approved by the District President and the Secretary of Promotion. If the District Guild fund is not sufficient, the District Executive Committee may supplement the amount.

4. We recommend that District Treasurers receive copies of the minutes of Executive Committee meetings.

Approved unanimously.

Mrs. Kilpatrick also reported \$725.70 on hand to date, toward the purchasing of a new car for the rural worker.

Mrs. Laskey referred to recommendations from Committee on Delegates to the School of Mission at Mt. Sequoyah, June 30-July 10., and called attention to the action taken at the mid-year Executive Committee meeting, that Louisiana send full delegation of 15, one of which shall be a Wesleyan Service Guild member—seven (7) to be selected from the district officers by a committee.

She appointed the following to serve in this capacity: Mesdames Dameron, Hendrick and Campbell.

Mrs. Davidson moved, and a second by Mrs. Tidwell, that the selection of alternates be left to the above committee for the 7 district officers and that the subsidized delegates are to name their alternates.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

MRS. GLENN LASKEY, President,

MRS. E. N. JACKSON, Recording Secretary.

Wednesday Night, April 9, 1947

Following the evening service the Executive Committee met in the parlor of the church for a late session.

The secretary read a letter to Mrs. Kilpatrick from Dr. Hugh C. Stuntz, President of Scarritt College, thanking her for her recent letter to him containing a check of \$1,000, a gift from Mrs. C. I. Jones of New Orleans, to Scarritt and expressing his gratitude for such a splendid gift.

Mrs. Jackson also read a telegram from Mrs. Jones expressing her regret in not being able to serve any longer as a Conference Officer and sending her best wishes for the success of the Conference.

Mrs. Dameron, chairman of the committee to select district delegates to attend Mt. Sequoyah, reported that the delegation be made up of 4 secretaries of Missionary Education, and 3 district presidents, two of whom shall be new.

Mrs. Dameron moved, seconded by Mrs. D. M. Campbell, the above be sent.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Pomeroy moved that Mrs. J. C. Hutchins of New Orleans be named her alternate to attend the School of Missions. If Mrs. Hutchins is unable to go then she asked that one of the new District Secretaries of Christian Social Relations be named as alternate.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Ira Campbell moved that her alternate for Status of Women be Mrs. W. J. Givens of Bossier City.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Fairchild moved that the Vice-President of Baton Rouge District go.

Approved.

Mesdames P. D. Lambert, W. C. McDonald and Aubrey Driscoll were nominated to go to Lincoln, Nebraska, to Rural Life Convention.

Mrs. Ledbetter read the proposed changes of By-Laws in the Constitution and discussed each change (see minutes under Constitution and By-Laws).

Mrs. Laskey made the following committee appointments.

Mrs. E. E. Stewart to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Miss Grace Lawson, Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, to the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Pollard to replace Mrs. Ed Conger on the Annual Conference Commission on Town and Country, to serve with Mrs. Ira Campbell and Miss Elizabeth Thompson.

Approved unanimously.

Mrs. Kilpatrick presented the corrected budget.

Approved unanimously.

Mrs. Campbell reported for Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr., on the "Conference News."

Mrs. Pomeroy moved, Mrs. Manning seconded, the editing of the "Conference News" to be quarterly, at a time set by the Secretary of Literature and Publication, to be a promotional sheet only and to stay within the budget.

Motion lost.

Mrs. Laskey announced the Louisiana Conference Convocation to be held in Shreveport on September 3-4-5, 1947.

Mrs. Ledbetter moved, seconded by Mrs. E. E. Stewart, that the representation to convocation be confined to those living in or near Shreveport where attendance would entail no expense.

Motion lost.

Mrs. Metcalf moved, seconded by Mrs. Ensminger, that the Executive Committee be invited to attend the Louisiana Conference Convocation held in Shreveport at their own expense.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Laskey announced that a hospitable invitation has been extended from the Natchitoches Woman's Society to the Executive Committee to be their guests for the mid-year meeting.

Mrs. Dunbar moved, seconded by Mrs. Campbell, that we accept this invitation.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Ledbetter presented a letter concerning our sending a representative to the Washington Churchmen's Seminar in Washington, D. C., in May.

Mrs. Pomeroy discussed the using of Christian Social Relations funds for this.

Mrs. Ledbetter moved, seconded by Mrs. Manning, that this be referred to a committee composed of Mesdames Laskey, Pomeroy and Kilpatrick.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pollard, seconded by Mrs. Stewart, that the Honorary Life Patron Membership that was to have been presented to Mrs. C. I. Jones on Conference floor be presented by Mrs. Nell Harz, President of Rayne Memorial Woman's Society.

Motion carried.

The following resolutions from the planning group of Christian Social Relations, composed of twenty-three women, were read by Mrs. Laskey:

In accord with conference theme, **One World**; desiring to eliminate prejudice . . . build public opinion and help create a world order where peace is possible."

The workshop group on C. S. R. and L. C. A. recommend for your

consideration the advisability of offering the same hospitality and fellowship of the conference to guest speakers regardless of race or color.

MRS. H. M. MOAK,
MRS. T. M. ELLIS,
MRS. WALTER PRICHARD.

Mrs. Pollard moved, seconded by Mrs. Manning, the adoption of these resolutions.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

MRS. GLENN LASKEY, President,
MRS. E. N. JACKSON, Recording Secretary.

**MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE OF THE
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST
CHURCH, LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA,
APRIL 8-9-10, 1947**

RETREAT

An inspiring Retreat conducted by Miss Julia Reid, Head Resident of Wesley Community House, San Antonio, Texas, opened the Seventh Annual Conference of the Louisiana Woman's Society of Christian Service. It was held in the First Methodist Church of Lake Charles from 11:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.

The theme of the Retreat being "The Supreme Possession."

The altar arrangement was in itself an inspiration. It consisted of a background of black satin outlined with superb white stardust carnations. At the top was the lighted cross and beneath it was an open Bible with a light thrown upon its pages. To the right was the lighted world. There were also beautiful floor baskets overflowing with spirea and white iris placed on either side of the altar along with an artistic arrangement of Easter lilies.

While the organist, Mrs. Clark Carver, played softly, the call to worship was given by Miss Reid. This was followed by the singing of the hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God."

Miss Reid asked all to join in a few moments of silent prayer which was closed by her.

Miss Reid said this is a dark world but there is great hope. You and I are co-workers with Him in bringing light to a new world. We are one in needing spiritual help and guidance. Mrs. Mayo, President of the local society, was introduced and led with prayer.

Miss Reid interspersed the program with beautiful poems, "The Way, the Truth, the Life," "What Christ Is to Us," "Power," "Not I" and "In Earthen Vessels," which were printed on the Retreat program.

Special music at this time was a solo, "When I'm Alone With God," by Mrs. Jenkins, followed by the congregation singing "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates."

Mrs. Howard Carter spoke on "God's All-Inclusive Love," after which Mrs. Walter Jenkins very beautifully sang "Is It Not Love?"

Miss Reid asked for a silent meditation.

Mrs. Charles Gott talked on "The Supreme Possession."

Miss Vera See talked on "The Path to the Supreme Possession."

Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins sang "Be Thou Near Me."

Mrs. Gerry Hicks spoke on the subject "Being Possessed." The woman who is possessed of Christ lets Christ be the center, directing her in all she does through her hands, eyes, ears, voice, mind, thoughts and will.

The congregation joined in singing "Lord, Speak to Me."

Miss Reid closed the Retreat by saying that Jesus chose to light the world through you and me. He's only going to hold us responsible for what talents he has given to each of us.

The benediction was pronounced by Miss Reid.

LUNCHEON

A lovely luncheon, the courtesy of the Woman's Society of First Church and Simpson Memorial Church of Lake Charles, was served the Executive Committee in the annex of the Simpson Memorial Church.

The tables were a profusion of spring flowers from the lovely flower gardens of Lake Charles.

Favors at each place were small bottles of perfume.

Mrs. Laskey thanked the Woman's Society of the local churches for the delicious luncheon.

As Mrs. J. D. Bragg, President of the Woman's Division, entered the dining room, the entire body stood and Mrs. Laskey presented her to the group.

Tuesday Afternoon, April 8, 1947

Mrs. Laskey, the new president, graciously presiding, declared the seventh Annual Conference open and with the congregation singing "Jesus, With Thy Church Abide."

The theme for the Conference was "One Word for One World," centered around the thoughts of One Great Fellowship of Love, Brotherhood, and that All Christly Souls are One in Him.

The scripture and prayer was given by Mrs. P. D. Lambert, Promotional Secretary of Lake Charles District.

Mrs. Laskey stated that the spiritual keynote of the Conference has been set by the morning's Retreat led so beautifully and capably by Miss Julia Reid.

She expressed appreciation for the help of the heads of the local church and called attention to folders holding Recommendations of the work, to be preserved by the delegates.

The chairman of the program planning committee for Conference, Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, was presented and gave the highlights of the Conference program.

REPORT OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. S. J. Fairchild reporting, gave the total of Life Membership for 1946 as 497—she stated there had been an increase of 13½% in 1946 over 1947.

She called attention that the Shreveport District led in number of Life Memberships with Baton Rouge coming second. She also stated that since the Charter Meeting 2,146 special memberships have been recorded.

Emphasis was placed upon program material to be used in each society.

"The Vice-President is a key woman in the Woman's work as are the District President," said Mrs. Fairchild.

Mrs. Fairchild stated that it was her happy privilege to present a love gift in the form of an Honorary Life Patron Membership to Mrs. C. I. Jones who was unable to be present on account of illness in her family.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Kilpatrick presented the treasurer's report. (See minutes).

Mrs. Kilpatrick called attention to several outstanding items. She asked the Conference Body to note that the pledge was overpaid by \$18,000 and led the Jurisdiction in the membership giving of supplies and in per capita giving.

The total pledge to the Division was \$55,873.36, while the total disbursements were \$78,344.50.

In the face of the increased cost of living she challenged the women to do greater things for God in 1947.

Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Recording Secretary, read the recommendations and highlights of the called Executive Committee meeting in Shreveport and in Haynesville and the executive meeting held preceding Conference.

Approved as read.

Mrs. Laskey announced the planning committees to meet from 3:30 to 5:00 in rooms designated. She stated that each would be located by signs over the doors.

Adjourned.

MRS. GLENN LASKEY, President,

MRS. E. N. JACKSON, Recording Secretary.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD DINNER

Tuesday Evening, April 8, 1947

The Wesleyan Service Guild—"Where Business Women Work for One World."

The Wesleyan Service Guild dinner was served at 6:30 in the spacious dining room of the Charleston Hotel where the tables were a profusion of spring flowers and where approximately 250 guests assembled.

The invocation was given by Miss Helen Adams of the Lake Charles District.

Before introducing the speakers Mrs. Laskey expressed appreciation for the warmth and charm of the hostess society's hospitality which she said has been shown by your friendliness and array of flowers and your gracious hospitality.

Mrs. W. A. Mayo, President of First Church, Lake Charles, Society, welcomed the guests of the evening, followed by a hearty welcome also from Mrs. S. E. Koschel of Simpson Church.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell responded in her charming manner and expressed appreciation to the Lake Charles women for making it possible for us to be in their midst.

Mrs. Laskey very graciously introduced the President of the Woman's Division, Mrs. J. D. Bragg, and the President of the South Central Jurisdiction, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr.

She then presented Miss Grace Lawson, Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, who took charge of the evening's program. Miss Miss Lawson presented her District Secretaries who were present—Miss Helen Adams of Lake Charles, Miss Mary Gladys Page of New Orleans and Mrs. R. W. Smith of Shreveport.

She also introduced the coordinators of the W. S. C. S. and Wesleyan Service Guild who were present: Mrs. Lee Tidwell of Shreveport, Mrs. S. J. Fairchild of Baton Rouge, Mrs. D. M. Campbell of Lake Charles and Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick of Shreveport.

Miss Lawson spoke of the happy privilege of working and serving with such a wonderful group of women, the Business and Professional Women, and told of some of their accomplishments in serving through the Guild.

She called attention of outstanding work done in the different districts.

At the conclusion of the program Mrs. Shaffer closed with prayer.

Tuesday Evening, April 8, 1947

The evening service opened with the congregation singing "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life."

The scripture taken from Ephesians, was read by Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., President of South Central Jurisdiction, and then led in prayer.

The choir of First Methodist Church, led by Mrs. F. O. Seymour, sang a very beautiful anthem.

Mrs. Fairchild, Conference Vice-President, presented our new Conference President, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, whose theme for the president's message was "Now is the Time."

(See the President's Message.)

Offering—Rev. Henry Bowden.

Solo—"One World"—Mr. Walter Jenkins.

Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., presented the Division President, Mrs. J. D. Bragg. The theme of her address was "One Great Fellowship of Love."

In a forceful manner Mrs. Bragg pointed out the urgency of giving correct training to childhood and condemned parents for their neglect of opportunities in not leading children to fellowship with Christ. She spoke of the unparalleled opportunities open to youth, the great needs of the mission fields, and our responsibility for giving them the right training in our homes and churches.

"Thrilling messages have been received," she said, "from the women in our former enemy countries, telling that the Christian movement is still strong despite hardship and oppression.

"In order to bring about peace and a better world we must realize that our International Organizations must be built on love, brotherhood and mutual trust. In our own communities we must stand against race prejudice and hate."

Mrs. Bragg spoke out boldly against the evil forces at work in our community, and particularly about the liquor interests. She condemned the attractive advertising, and told that the Methodist Church was coming out for total abstinence.

In closing she urged the complete support of and cooperation with our ministers; stressed the tremendous power of prayer; and emphasized the necessity for increased giving.

Mrs. Bragg closed with "The responsibility is yours. What will the answer be?"

Mrs. Bragg closed with a beautiful prayer, asking power and help for all of these responsibilities.

The congregation sang, "In Christ There Is No East or West."

The benediction was given by Rev. H. A. Gibbs.

Wednesday Morning, April 9, 1947

The church was open for prayer from 8:30 to 9:00 with Mrs. Victor Johnson rendering a beautiful organ meditation.

Mrs. Shaffer opened the morning program with a scripture reading taken from 1st Corinthians, 13th Chapter, followed by prayer.

Mrs. Laskey announced the election of officers was in order.

She explained the necessity of the resignation of Mrs. C. I. Jones as Conference Supply Secretary because of illness in her family. Mrs. Laskey expressed her regrets and those of the Conference.

The report of the Research Committee was called for by Mrs. Laskey. Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, chairman of the committee, submitted the following names for the office of Secretary of Supplies: Mesdames Nell Harz of New Orleans, A. J. Ensminger of Wisner, and Mrs. Tom Hayes of New Orleans. Mrs. Lee Tidwell of Shreveport was nominated from the floor. The recording secretary read again the names of the distributing and counting tellers.

The ballots were distributed, votes cast and the tellers retired to count the votes.

Mrs. Laskey stated that it was the year to elect three nominees for the Board of Missions. She asked Mrs. J. D. Bragg to state the qualifications necessary for those nominated.

An interest resume of the work done through the districts was presented by Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Conference Promotional Secretary, and the seven District Secretaries.

She used for her theme "Louisiana Woman's Society and Her Natural Resources." This was a very comprehensive report. She stated the progress and the percentage of increased membership, with Alexandria District showing a 50% increase, Monroe District 17½%, and the Ruston District showing one society in every charge and leading the Conference in per capita giving.

Mrs. Campbell reported 10,317 women in the Conference, which is a 7% increase of the previous year.

She stated there are 197 churches without a woman's society and urged that the District Secretaries of Promotion work for a society in every church, asking the assistance of the District Superintendent and local pastors.

Recommendations from Organization and Promotion were read by Mrs. Sam Dunbar.

Mrs. Dunbar moved the adoption of these recommendations.

Approved as read.

Mrs. Haller Jackson gave the tellers' report of 133 votes cast and with Mesdames Tidwell and Ensminger receiving the two highest number of votes cast.

Mrs. Ledbetter moved, seconded by Mrs. Pollard, that the two having the highest number of votes cast be the nominees.

Motion carried.

The ballots were distributed and the second vote was taken.

The tellers retired to count the votes.

Dr. Jenkins led in the singing of the hymn, "The Day of Dawning Brotherhood."

Mrs. Pollard presented Mrs. J. D. Bragg, President of the Woman's Division and the President of the Home Missions Council of America.

Mrs. Bragg spoke on the relationship of the whole Christian movement in foreign lands. She stated that through the Board of Missions forward movement in great strategy had been planned through the entire foreign fields. In order not to be overlapping, there are twenty-four cooperating denominations, planning together migrant work, the share cropper work, area leadership schools set up for certain types of work, . . . She said that the women in small communities take important parts of all work. Our influence can reach out in far places, leading out for a better world than ever before.

Mrs. Haller Jackson gave the report of tellers with Mrs. Tidwell receiving a majority.

Mrs. Tidwell was presented by Mrs. Laskey as the new Secretary of Supplies. Mrs. Tidwell thanked everyone for the confidence placed in her and asked for their prayers and support.

Mrs. Pomeroy then introduced the speaker of the morning, Dr. N. A. Holmes, Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Dillard University in New Orleans, who spoke on the subject "One World or None." He stated there must be one world now or none. There are conflicting ways of life between Russia and the United States. Russia believes in man and ignores God while the United States believes in God and ignores man. Jesus gave to men the blueprint for the establishment of one world. Church history shows that the early church soon lost religious zeal. As time went on it became entangled in a feudal set-up, became influenced by profit-motive and implicated that Democracy is not associated with profit motive.

Labor is not the only factor to be considered—man cannot live by bread alone. These factors are needed: (1) Christian character based on Jesus way—God, the source of social progress; (2) Development and

practice of intercultural progress; (3) Patience and courage need to bring about a reconciliation of the two theories—communism and democracy.

He closed in saying that a Christian world order can only be realized when God is the center.

Mrs. T. M. Ellis presented the recommendations of the Christian Social Relations.

She moved the adoption of these recommendations.

Adopted as read. (See Recommendations of C. S. R.)

Mrs. Worthington, President of the W. C. T. U., spoke on alcohol legislation, stating that the legislative body froze Local Option Laws. She explained that Act 134 of 1934 on alcohol education can be taught in schools only above the seventh grade.

It was moved by Mrs. Pomeroy that we work for the re-activation of our Local Option Laws in Louisiana.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Pomeroy moved, seconded by Mrs. Ledbetter, (1) that this body wire Senator John H. Overton of the Senate Appropriations Committee urging that the full amount appropriated for Child Labor this year, \$307,761, be granted for next year; (2) that the Division of Labor Standards be continued with its full functions including the Child Labor and Youth Employment; (3) that local societies take similar actions as soon as possible after this meeting.

Motion carried.

(See Dept. of Christian Social Relations, report and recommendations.)

Mrs. Dameron announced the need for linens, clothing, etc., to be sent to the Church World Service, 740 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans.

A telegram was read by Mrs. Laskey from the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union convening in Shreveport extending greetings and good wishes to our Conference.

Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter presented distinguished visitors, visiting ministers and their wives and the former president of the Conference.

The congregation sang the hymn "Jesus, the Very Thought of You."

Miss Julia Reid closed with prayer.

QUIET HOUR

The message of the Quiet Hour was given by Miss Julia Reid. She placed her favorite portrait of Christ in front of the altar and said that each of us in our desire to be a Christian have pictures in our homes of Christ. Some people looked at this Jesus as a labor agitator and others as a teacher.

She spoke of two burning desires in the mind and heart of Jesus (1) that we do the will of God, (2) that He was very eager to get others to do the will of God.

She said "Do we have a sense of mission enough to uphold certain standards even though it meets with rebuff? Jesus did have. The power of God is given to each of us who will be true to it.

He did not try to convince people by words but he lifted up his face to God. He believed and taught by example.

What are the things that interest you?

Miss Reid closed the Quiet Hour with prayer.

GOLDEN CORD LUNCHEON—WEDNESDAY NOON

Delegates and guests assembled in the dining room of the Charleston Hotel for the Golden Cord Luncheon, the theme being "His Service Is the Golden Cord Close Binding All Mankind." At the speaker's table a Golden Cord extended the length of the table, emphasizing the theme of the morning, with cutout figures of children of all nations, binding

them together with love. The tables were beautiful with yellow and white spring flowers.

Attractive printed program of a golden color and with the emblem of the Woman's Society on the front further carried out the theme of the morning.

Mrs. D. M. Campbell, presiding, read Roman, 14th Chapter. She said "Every Christian woman is willing to testify to her joy in service."

What we do for our families we consider as a labor of love, so we also consider it in our church activities when we are asked to serve. We have had the privilege to take God's message to the uttermost parts of the world. It is more blessed to give than to receive. When you are sharing God's dollars, you are passing them on."

Mrs. Campbell stated that the honorees of this occasion were those societies who had raised their pledges to \$3.65.

Mrs. Campbell presented the seven District Presidents who named the societies in their districts that had met the goals.

The program was concluded by the singing of the Doxology.

Wednesday Afternoon, April 9, 1947

Following the Golden Cord Luncheon the Conference body reassembled at the church to continue the afternoon's program. Dr. Jenkins led the congregation in singing the hymn "This Is My Story." Mrs. Jenkins sang very beautifully a solo, "Beside Blue Gallilee."

Rev. J. W. Mayne of Simpson Memorial Church read the scripture taken from John 15:1-17, followed by prayer.

Mrs. Laskey called for the report on the minutes which was given by the chairman on Journal, Mrs. Dixon. She reported the approval of the minutes by the committee on Journal.

Mrs. Dameron gave a stimulating report on the Jurisdictional Conference she attended in Wichita, Kansas. She used the theme "The Advancing Church." (See Jurisdictional Conference report).

Mrs. Pomeroy took this occasion to present Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins, who were responsible for leading and rendering such beautiful music for the entire time of Conference. The congregation stood in appreciation of their fine service.

Ballots were cast for nominees to the Board of Missions.

The following names were presented: Mesdames George Sexton, Jr., J. B. Pollard, Glenn Laskey, with Mrs. D. M. Campbell and Mrs. G. W. Dameron as alternates.

Those voting were instructed to write three names on the ballot.

The voting strength of the Conference was taken which totaled 113.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pomeroy, seconded by Mrs. Metcalf, that the three highest be the nominees and the last two be the alternates.

Motion carried.

The tellers retired to count the vote.

Mrs. Laskey read a telegram from Mrs. Barnwell, Secretary of Children's Work, stating she was unable to be present but sent her greetings to the Conference.

The Conference Officers' Panel, led by Mrs. Clarence Shaffer, was in the form of a radio broadcast on "Inspiration and Information, Please." Pertinent questions had been sent in to be answered by the following experts: Mrs. Clarence Shaffer, who presented Spiritual Life, Mrs. Harry Hendrick who gave Missionary Education and Service, Mrs. Ira Campbell, Status of Women, Mrs. Roy Scales, Children's Work. The program proved to be both informative and inspirational.

Following the panel, each of the officers read her recommendations, and after discussion, were adopted separately.

The chairman of the tellers gave the report of the ballot, reporting that Mesdames George Sexton, J. B. Pollard and Glenn Laskey had received the three highest majority of votes.

Before adjourning Mrs. Laskey asked delegates to see and enjoy the beauty of the Lake Charles gardens, and announced that sandwiches and coffee would be served in the church parlor the following day at noon for the benefit of those leaving.

This concluded the business of the afternoon and Rev. Lipscomb pronounced the benediction.

MRS. GLENN LASKEY, President,

MRS. E. N. JACKSON, Recording Secretary.

"Youth Dinner"—Wednesday Evening

One of the high points of the Conference was the dinner at 6:30 given the Methodist Youth Fellowship Conference, Local Church Officers, Life Service Volunteers and Centenary College Choir.

The tables were beautiful with artistically arranged flowers given by Mrs. Franklin of Baton Rouge in honor of her mother, Mrs. H. C. Irby.

Each place was marked with attractive folders portraying the youthful Christ and entitled "Going His Way."

The invocation was given by Armand Kitto, Conference Youth President.

Mrs. Sartor, Secretary of Youth Work, graciously presided. She asked, "Have you ever seen a dream walking? It is this night with the presence of our youth and this youth program. This dream is here to sing and to speak."

Mrs. Sartor introduced to the Youth our Conference President, Mrs. Gleen Laskey, who said, "I want the young people to feel we are one in a great body."

Mrs. Sartor expressed pleasure in having the Centenary Choir, beautifully dressed in formal attire.

"We are looking to you young people for the future. We covet you young women as leaders in our W. S. C. S. We covet the young men as leaders in our great church."

Mrs. Sartor introduced the President and Officers of Conference Youth. She expressed appreciation to all those who had helped make this meeting possible and a success. She introduced the young people who have offered themselves for life service.

Mr. Alvin C. Voran, director of Centenary Choir, was introduced by Mrs. Sartor. Mr. Voran expressed his pleasure at being present, and directed the choir in singing (1) "I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me"; (2) "Comin' Through the Rye"; (3) "Italian Street Song."

Mrs. Trice introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Mrs. J. N. R. Score, Jurisdictional Secretary of Student Work. Mrs. Score chose as her subject "Youth Is the Time." She completely captivated her audience as she discussed Youth is the Time for What?, Romance, Physical Growth, Learning, Developing Character, Adventure, Developing Personality, Visions, Decision, Doing Things and Consecration. She ended on a high note of dedication of all one's life, time and resources to God, saying "Ye are the light of the world, so shine for me."

Closed with singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."
(Continued at church).

Wednesday Evening Session, April 9, 1947

At church, 8:00 o'clock. Theme "Going His Way." Mrs. David Tarver

presiding. Silent prayer. Recruitment Program. Music—Centenary College Choir.

Mrs. Tarver thanked Centenary Choir and Mr. Voran for the music of this choir.

Hymn 288, "Who Will Go and Work Today?"

Scripture and Prayer—J. B. Pollard, 6th Chapter of Iasiah 1-8.

Offertory—Rev. J. Henry Bowden.

Mrs. Tarver introduced Mesdames Startor and Trice as workers with her on this youth program.

Mrs. Tarver said, "We are honoring youth tonight. The church needs youth as never before."

She introduced the young people who have given their lives for life service.

"Rise up O youth of God"—Hymn.

"Can Youth Lead?"—Miss Dannie Duerson, senior at Centenary College, who has given herself for life service.

Miss Duerson said, "I think young people can lead but we need help and technical training. We hope we can fulfill your dreams dreamed for us and we will do our best as you give us the inspiration."

Miss Lucille Pierce, Louisiana Conference Worker, chose as her subject "Will Youth Lead?" She stated that much preparation and a general broad education are needed if youth is to lead, but that youth is eager and has much to give to the church of today. They have the faith and believe anything is possible based on love and brotherhood. She urged their seizing the opportunities of taking an active part in all of the youth activities of the church.

Miss Myrtle West, Conference Youth Worker, spoke on "Will Youth Lead?" Miss West gave a resume of the youth program and activities for the year. "Youth can sail—youth must sail, but we, their ground crew, must be adequate to help them."

Rev. Bowden introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Dr. J. N. R. Score, President of Southwestern University of Georgetown, Texas. Dr. Score spoke on "Youth Must Lead." "I'm not sure I believe youth must lead. It depends on the youth. It depends on the direction in which youth will lead us.

There is a desire in everyone to go his own way and dream his own dream and put that dream into reality. We learn real soon in life that none of us can go it alone. We rely more than we have realized how we lean on our fellow man.

"Where are all the things I said I would do for Jesus? Am I still in the area of "sometime"—sometime I shall . . . when is sometime, unless now is the time?"

Dr Score stressed the urgency of the moment.

"Shall youth lead or shall we again miss the moment? Shall we sow again the seeds of conflict? We dare not let the moment escape. We must have a purpose big enough to live for and big enough to die for."

In conculsion Dr. Score said, "Thomas Carlisle wrote a footnote on an essay, written as a young man, 'If we could but get the children and young people to be friends with those of other countries we would abolish wars' . . . We must find the eternal friend. Have you found a purpose and a power in your own life as young people?

Long age there was a boy who heard a voice that said "Samuel, Samuel." Say within your hearts as Samuel did of old, "Speak, Lord!" There is a still small voice that calls you, I beg of you to listen and to follow that voice."

A very impressive pageant closed the evening's program portraying the typical youth of today and their hopes for their work.

The lights were turned out and a spotlight was focused on a young couple on the highroad of life, happy-go-lucky as young people are.

The light was then focused on a second couple who were typical college freshmen on the campus.

The third spotlight scene was a couple who had become more serious minded and had offered their lives for full time service.

Mrs. Tarver asked the young people to stand who had dedicated their lives to full time service. The congregation joined in the singing of the hymn "Going His Way" (by tune of Finlandia).

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Bowden.

Tuesday Morning, April 10, 1947

The hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" opened the final session of conference.

Mrs. A. A. Gibson, President of the Lake Charles District, gave the scripture reading from 1st John and led in prayer.

In an interesting and inspiring manner Mrs. Kilpatrick spoke on "Our Investments and Our Gifts," and presented the workers from our Louisiana Institutions.

PEOPLE'S COMMUNITY CENTER

She presented Mrs. G. W. Carter from People's Community Center who gave an account of the activities in the school and the progress being made. She told of the nursery school, the special attention that is given to handicapped children and the plans for new buildings for the center, asking for cooperation from the women of the Conference.

Sager-Brown—Rev. Timmons gave an interesting report of the school stating they have students enrolled from four states and ten grades in the school with seven teachers on the staff and operating at the cost of \$1300 per month, teachers' salaries averaging \$60 per month.

He told of needs and enlarged facilities that are required.

St. Mark's shows marked progress in the past year according to the report of Mrs. Verna Willis, Head Resident of St. Mark's. She gave the attendance at St. Mark's to be about 4,000 per month and told of the fine counselling at St. Mark's which saves many homes and of their efforts with their program.

She asked that each delegate add to the bottom of the recommendations on Spiritual Life that each society pray for St. Mark's Community Center each day.

Miss Miriam Polotta, rural worker for South Louisiana, and from Morgan City, told of interesting contacts with the rural people along Bayou Lafourche. She reported having organized a Church School Class and a Circle in the Woman's Society and hoping to organize four or five more.

She hopes to work with the social agencies in New Orleans in helping the rural people along the bayou.

Miss Elizabeth Thompson, rural worker for Louisiana, stated the greatest need of rural work is Christian leadership. The church must always be the source of right living in the community but it must lead out in organizing a Christian group. She thinks that to furnish responsible leadership the rural church needs to have leaders that can put Christ-like living in their community life.

Mrs. Jenkins sang very beautifully "In Christ There Is No East or West."

An impressive pledge service was conducted by Mrs. Kilpatrick, Conference Treasurer, and the seven district secretaries who came to the platform robed in white choir vestments with the lighted cross above them, pledged for their district as follows: Alexandria, \$5,452.00; Baton Rouge, \$6,265.50; Lake Charles, \$6,080.00; Monroe, \$6,747.00; New Orleans, \$7,346.00; Ruston, \$7,142.00; Shreveport, \$12,701.00.

As each of the seven secretaries gave her pledge, she held a gold cord. Mrs. Kilpatrick knotted it about the lighted globe, showing that the fellowship of love unites the whole world.

A total of \$51,733.50 was pledged. The pledge service closed with prayer and the congregation singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Mrs. John A. Dixon reported that the committee on Conference Minutes had examined them, and found them correct.

Mrs. Ledbetter, chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, read the proposed changes in by-laws, and explained each. A discussion followed after which they were adopted as read.

An interesting report on Business Girls' Inn was given by Mrs. Ledbetter. She stated that the present location has been sold and plans for a building have been drawn up to be built as soon as materials are available.

Mrs. Jackson read the report of Visiting Institutions by Mrs. C. I. Jones which were adopted as read.

Miss Elizabeth Thompson reported on Town and Country Commission. She explained the work of the Commission and stated the plans had been made for the first National Rural Life Conference, to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, on July 29, 30, 31.

Election of a rural woman to National Rural Life Conference followed. The following names were submitted by the Research Committee: Mesdames P. D. Lambert of Lake Charles, W. C. McDonald of Shreveport and Audrey Driscoll of Berwick.

The tellers distributed ballots for the vote to be taken and gave the voting strength of delegates as 138. The tellers retired to count the votes.

Mrs. Laskey asked if there were invitations for a meeting place for the 1948 Conference. Mrs. Nell Harz of New Orleans very graciously invited the Conference to meet at Rayne Memorial.

Alexandria also extended an invitation through Mrs. George Powell for the Conference to meet with them for 1948.

Mrs. D. M. Campbell moved, and a second by Mrs. Pollard, that we accept the invitation of Rayne Memorial.

Motion carried.

The Recommendations from the Wesleyan Service Guild were read by Mrs. R. W. Smith of Shreveport. Approved as read.

Re commendations of Missionary Education and Service were read by Mrs. Patrick of Lake Providence. Approved as read.

Mrs. Pollard spoke on selecting efficient young women for Educational Grants.

Mrs. Ledbetter reported that forty-two young people have been accepted and will be commissioned in June.

The Recommendations on Youth Work were presented by Mrs. Sartor. Approved as read.

The tellers reported no election on first ballot for Rural Life Conference delegate ballot and ballots were distributed for the second ballot. Mrs. Audrey Driscoll's name was withdrawn. The tellers retired to count the vote.

Mrs. Kilpatrick presented Mrs. Evelyn Atkinson who read the Recommendations from the Finance Committee.

Approved as read. (See minutes.)

Mrs. H. E. Jester read the Recommendations on Supplies.

Adopted as read. (See minutes for report.)

Mrs. Laskey asked Mrs. S. A. Mayo, President of First Church Woman's Society, and Mrs. D. A. Collette of Simpson Memorial Church and Chair-

man of the local committees, to come to the platform. Mrs. Mayo introduced each of the women, telling what church they were from and the cooperation among them in entertaining the Conference. As the group stood on the platform Resolutions of Appreciation were read by the chairman, Mrs. Hal Lewis.

Adopted as read.

A beautiful solo, "God Is Everywhere," was sung by Mrs. Jenkins, followed by Dr. Jenkins singing "God Understands."

The congregation joined in singing the hymn "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind."

The tellers reported on the result of the ballot taken for a delegate to the National Rural Life Conference. Mrs. Lambert received a majority of the votes cast and was elected.

Mrs. Campbell moved, and a second by Mrs. Dunbar, that Mrs. McDonald be made alternate.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Laskey presented the guest speaker of the morning, Dr. Margaret Applegarth of New York, who is a member of the Executive Committee of the Federated Council of Churches, World Council of Churches, and of the Foreign Mission Council of North America.

Dr. Applegarth addressed the Conference, using as her subject, "One World in Religion." She said in part, "Life should be that we can hardly tell one denomination from another . . ."

She mentioned two kinds of churches: (1) The Church Proper, which means building, but God expects the Church-Proper to always be the Church-Proper. (2) The Church-Improper, which is the one that looks at the outside—the Lord looks at the heart. Christians did not need Wendell Wilkie to tell them this is one world.

The church sings "In Christ There Is No East or West." We are all one. We have the constitution saying all men are created equal but yet we are saying to different groups, "you can't do that."

At the present moment in the United States there are 800 anti-semitic organization at work. In 1882 we had the Chinese Exclusion Act. Hitler got the idea from us.

It is the Church-Improper that feels superior.

Children don't have prejudices. Who puts it in their heads? The Church-Improper.

Skin is just a dress that God buttoned us in, all he will ask is, "Did you keep it clean?"

We, as Christians, come to the communion table feeling we are one. If we are to be one world it is because we are to be one in Him.

"If I be lifted up . . . I will come back" . . . Even so, Lord Jesus, come!"

A solo, "The Old Rugged Cross," was sung at the conclusion of this great message brought by Dr. Applegarth.

With the truth brought to us so vividly by this address it seemed we must as Christians conclude this service with a Communion Service and asking God, while at the altar, that we help to make it more so that this be "One World in Religion."

The Communion was administered by Rev. J. Henry Bowden, assisted by Rev. J. W. Mayne.

At its conclusion Rev. Bowden pronounced the benediction.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

We should like to express our thanks and appreciation for the entire program of the 1947 session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Its theme "One Word—One World," has been a challenge and an inspiration to all of us and has brought to us, with great force, the realization that one great world can be built on a firm foundation of love and peace.

We thank the conference officers and committees for their careful planning and execution of the program and the retiring officers who have served us so faithfully.

To the First Methodist Church of Lake Charles with its cordial hospitality which reflects the grace of its members, and its Pastor and wife, Reverend and Mrs. J. Henry Bowden.

To our conference guests—Dr. Margaret Applegarth, Mrs. Bragg, Mrs. Dameron, Dr. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Ledbetter, Mrs. Pollard, Miss Julia Reid, Dr. and Mrs. J. N. R. Score and Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., who have stirred us with their messages and devotion to the cause of Christ.

To Mrs. Sammy Northington, of Minden, La., for the illustration of our theme on the cover of our program.

To the choirs and organist who have furnished such beautiful music for our services.

For the stenographic work and many hours of labor on the conference program.

For the gracious hospitality of the city of Lake Charles, for the generous use of your homes and hotels and to the Chamber of Commerce for their contribution.

For all these things we say again—"thank you."

And especially we would express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father whose loving presence at this meeting has made possible a greater fulfillment of its plans and purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HAL LEWIS,

MRS. LARKIN BRANTLEY,

MRS. R. E. BRUMBY.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Glenn Laskey

"NOW IS THE TIME"

As one stands at the end of a year, a good and gracious year of service as president of this great Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, we have the opportunity of looking in two directions—Backward, to see what has been accomplished, with some idea of evaluating our efforts; and forward to the new year, trying to mark some goals, and projecting oneself into the future.

No glance at the past would be complete without taking into account the consecrated leadership of our former president, Mrs. Pollard. Much of the advance this past year is due to her remarkable vision, her able leadership, and her sound judgment.

My apologies go to Dr. Diffendorfer for taking the title of his annual report to the Board of Missions and Church Expansion, "Now is the Time," for the subject of the president's address. I was unaware when I chose it that I was guilty of plagiarism. I have been made keenly aware, during this past year through my many and varied contacts that this great Woman's organization is challenged to action, immediate action, and **The Time is Now!**

Several Sunday afternoons ago I sat before a crackling fire listening to the radio. Into the quietness of the late Sunday afternoon came the startling words of the commentator, William Shirer saying "This is

perhaps one of the great moments in the world's history, the beginning of a new era"—then he related in his calm matter of fact voice how Britain is relinquishing the role of leadership, how the empire is falling apart, and how America is called upon to assume the lead in world affairs—economic, political and spiritual.

As I sat there quietly gazing into the fire, long after the voice had ceased, and almost hearing the British Empire falling part, I kept thinking—Yes, we are the leaders, we have all the power, the influence, the wealth, the things. Dear God, I prayed, what are we going to do with it? How are we going to use it? How are we, the people of this nation, the Church, we Methodists, the Woman's Society, going to use this tremendous power? Will we use it to further our selfish interests, or help the world?? We have no long period of preparation, to get ourselves in readiness, **Now is the Time.**

I have no need to paint for you a picture of our world today. It is all too familiar, in its desperate plight, its destruction and destitution, and its chaotic state of affairs politically and economically. Our newspapers keep us informed of the crime wave, the increase in divorce rate, race friction, increased alcoholic consumption, crazy spending spree, and social unrest. What I have to say to you is this—despite this picture of gloom, the church is facing this situation and fighting valiantly and courageously. This is no time for discouragement. It is a time to unite our efforts, and march steadily forward.

I was tremendously impressed with the scope and magnitude of the Methodist Church when I recently attended the Convocation of Jurisdiction Boards in Wichita, Kansas. I was impressed with the vast panorama of the work as it unfolded before me. The theme of the Convocation was "The Advancing Church"—and you may believe me, there are no signs of retrenching. It was stamped indelibly upon our minds and hearts that Methodism, and the Woman's Society is a world-wide church. International and inter-racial in its character and outreach. Since the church is international in scope, we have therefore a peculiar responsibility in this desparate situation in which the world stands at the present time. The most tremendous challange is presented us—we have a particular role to play in history. Without being consulted, we are born to live and serve in one of the great eras of the world's history. How God is depending upon us! And that time is now.

Wonderful avenues of service are open to this great organization of ours. I will attempt to mention only a few.

1. In our own Jurisdiction we have work with people of three races, Indian, Mexican and Negro. What an opportunity to lead out courageously in an effort to eliminate prejudice, overcome fears and hatreds, and establish justice, mercy, love and confidence in our local and national relationships, demonstrating that Christianity will work.

2. The spotlight is turned upon our rural areas. Last year following in our Conference by coordinating our rural work with that of the Board a rural conference in Oklahoma, plans were made for advancing the work of Education, making it a cooperative undertaking. Our new rural worker came in September, and her field is the state. I want you to have the opportunity to meet and know our new rural deaconess, Miss Elizabeth Thompson. She wants to help with your problems, help train youth, and adult leaders. This summer at Lincoln, Nebraska, there will be another great rural Seminar, to study all areas of rural life. We are expecting great advances to be made Louisiana has large rural areas. Did you know that half of our 252 societies have a membership of 20 or less? We are going to hear much of the advancing rural church in the days that lie ahead.

3. The third great avenue of service open to us is in the field of missions. We are now getting full reports of devastation in Europe, Korea, China, the Phillipines—Hospitals, parsonages, church and schools are gone. There is no equipment of any kind, no books or literature to start

schools. A terrible toll has been taken in human lives, and millions of people are suffering from disease, malnutrition, starvation and mental anguish. We face the immediate necessity of doing something. The people are ready and waiting—are Christian missions going to move in, or is Communism? Are we going to help, or become enmeshed in our own activities and forget the rest of the world?

An editorial of March 20, in one of our leading newspapers has this to say—"General MacArthur who has been in supreme command of the occupation forces in Japan for eighteen months believes the time is at hand for negotiations for a peace treaty. This would mean abandonment of military control and a substitution of civilian control under the United Nations, which he believes would not be needed long. He believes the control would be easy, for the doors are open. The editor of the Christian Science Monitor, Erwin Canham, has recently returned from an extended tour of the Orient, and he pleads for workers to go to Japan. Dr. Diffendorfer says we have today the greatest opportunity open to us with the Japanese than any group since **Christ was born!** Their house has been swept empty and bare. It is waiting to be filled—with what? We have fifty workers there, and we need hundreds. General MacArthur made an appeal to the Baptists to send one thousand teachers.

4. This brings me to the fourth great field of service—the great need for workers. The appeal comes from field after field. "Send us workers." Whom shall we send, who will go for us? Doctors, nurses, technicians of all kinds, missionaries, musicians, teachers, dietitians, agriculturists, social workers, are all needed.

We can send help, we can send workers, we can interest youth, we can open doors if we care enough. May I ask you, are you trying to interest the youth of your church in these fields of service, trying to acquaint them with the needs? Have you tried to interest your own sons and daughters?

These are not needs impossible of achieving that I have called to your attention. We are all too busy to indulge in escapism. All these needs could be met through this great organization to which you and I belong. It has the machinery, are we willing to implement it? This Woman's Society is the finest and best woman's organization in America. I know what I'm talking about because I belong to a number of fine women's organizations, each specializing in a number of fields, but this organization offers everything. It has a program to offer everyone, fitting all abilities, talents and needs—I don't think we are very enthusiastic about seeking new members. Do you tell a prospective member that it is an organization that will captivate and thrill you, that it will give you an opportunity for a fuller life, through service and learning? Or do you say—"Come on and join, you won't have much to do?"

Wouldn't you like to know how we have made the work of our Woman's Society come alive in Louisiana? I am so proud of achievements and gains made during the past year, that I would like to enumerate them all for you. You will find the results for the year given in the mimeographed officers, reports, and you will hear in detail the reports of progress given by the Promotional Secretaries, therefore I will call attention to only a few.

Our financial goals were gloriously met. Last year our conference paid to the division a total of \$71,998.62, overpaying our pledge by \$18,400.00. We have the distinction of having the highest per capita giving in the Jurisdiction. Before you begin to swell with pride remember it is only \$6.50, and you know how little \$6.50 buys today. Louisiana also leads the Jurisdiction in total amount of supplies given, \$19,071.00. We ranked first in Home Supplies, but fell to third place in Foreign supplies. Our so called sacrificial offerings taken last year at our District meetings for foreign supplies, failed to be sacrificial.

Membership. During the past year one million persons have joined the Methodist Church, and about 10,000 of these were in Louisiana. Of this number about 4,000 were women, yet we gained only 1,041 members last year. They tell us that 66% of the women in the Church are not yet enlisted in the Woman's Society, so there is much work to be done. In almost every community the young women are homewith their husbands and new babies. Are you seeking out these young women, and asking them to join your Woman's Society? They are a great source of potential strength.

In my town we have organized a group of these young women. They are so earnest and eager to learn. After one of the meetings a charming young woman, with tears in her eyes said to me, "I'm so happy to belong to this group—I came here a stranger, and I didn't know anyone cared this much about me."

The same plea could be made for the hundreds of young business women, just entering the business world. They are eager to belong to the Guild.

Much interest has been stimulated and glowing reports come to me of the benefits derived from the District Officers visiting local societies, and promoting officers training day. Hundreds of officers were instructed in their new duties, and we are expecting definite gains as a result of this new method of training. Practically every society in the state has been visited. We hope this year to reach the goal of a society on every charge. My latest report is 13 unorganized charges, with 197 unorganized churches.

Outstanding work was done in the fall seminars. We made a decided change from the former manner of conducting them, by placing the responsibility upon the Districts. They all responded in a splendid manner, and in most instances marked progress was made. This was shown by the increased attendance, number of societies represented, and the large number of study books and outlines sold. The itineration of Miss Christensen, Missionary from India, was a high point of the Seminars, and results were shown by increased interest in the study.

Work with children, students and youth has received special emphasis this past year, and definite progress is being shown. We lift our hearts in gratitude for the large number of life service volunteers this past year. A definite upswing already has begun in Church School enrollment. In order to take care of the large increase expected next year, we will need an army of new church school teachers, and they will be largely recruited from the Woman's Society. Be preparing yourselves to become fitted as teachers of youth and children. One writer states, "An adequately reared generation strong in body, clear in vision and understanding, honest in judgment, warm in human relationships and vigorous in the pursuit of the good life—just one generation so reared, could change the whole trend of war and depression which has shaped the world in which their fathers and grandfathers lived."

We are proud of the report from Christian Social Relations, with wide variety of work done, but especially proud of the advances made in the field of legislation.

The Wesleyan Service Guild is growing and expending, both in membership and number of Guilds. We are proud of their record, and pleased to hear the Louisiana Guild cited for second place in the Jurisdiction in her capita giving of \$7.00, second in Week of Prayer offering, and second in special memberships.

I would like to evaluate the work of each secretary, calling your attention to the progress made, but unfortunately there is no time. Instead, I want to ask you, what are you and your Society going to do with the great opportunities presented you during the coming year?

Are you going to be one of those who sing ardently, with eyes uplifted, "Here am I, send me, send me," with your fingers crossed, and

all kinds of mental reservations. You say to yourself, "Why, the Lord just couldn't send me. I have no time. He doesn't mean me."

Doesn't He? I think He does mean you. You do not have to travel far—just your own community. What are you doing to improve race relations? What are you doing about Education and Legislation, the children and youth of your church and town? What are you doing about gambling, alcohol, and parental delinquency? What are you and your society doing this year about your time, talents, and influence?

Are you one of the Methodist women whom numbers of Louisiana legislators spoke this past year, saying "Who are these Methodist Women? I couldn't dare go back home if I voted for or against such and such a measure?"

Are you one of the Methodist women of whom Hodding Carter, publisher of a Greenville, Mississippi, paper spoke, saying "The most enlightened group of citizens I find in the South today are the Methodist women."

Are you one of the Methodist women who has raised her pledge \$3.65 or more for the year, or are you guilty of eating \$3.00 steaks and letting your pledge remain the same? Or are you like a woman I heard of last week who asked "What is this 1c a day increase people are talking about?"

Are you like a woman to whom I spoke, asking her to come to a program meeting, when I knew it would be excellently prepared and well presented. She answered "It bores me." I didn't know how to answer her then, but I do now. I read the answer in E. Stanley Jones "The Way."

A man had just viewed the masterpieces in a world famous art gallery. Upon leaving, he said to an attendant, "I don't care for those pictures." Whereupon the guard replied, "The pictures aren't on trial, sir, it's you!"

These are days in which we need to stretch our imagination to include the world. There is no place for a small-minded person. We have the thrilling opportunity NOW to keep the peoples of this world to chaos of Christianity—which shall we choose?

People are hungry hearted for something that will help them. We have the answer. Shall we not share it gladly? What amazing things we ten thousand Methodist women in Louisiana could accomplish by using our forces and resources.

In a rubble strewn church in Europe, with its walls almost destroyed, stands a magnificent statue of Christ, in a protected niche. Upon first examination the statue seems undamaged, but upon closer inspection, one sees that the hands are missing.

How true a picture of our world today. Christ stands in all His majesty and beauty in the midst of the ruin and destruction, but He must have our hands to do his work NOW!

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

The three-fold far-reaching responsibility of the Vice-President, along the three lines of World Federation, Special Memberships and Program Building, is wide and varied.

World Federation

"To Make Christ Known" is the purpose of the World Federation of Methodist Women. The symbol of the Federation is the "Tree of Life," which bore each month twelve manner of fruits to His glory, and whose leaves were for the healing of the nations. Each national "Tree" planted in its own soil will seek to bear the fruits of education, prayer and service. Together around the world Methodist women will prune and cultivate until the last known wilderness shall have its "way of holiness upon which its redeemed shall walk."

The opening of the channels of communication with other countries will strengthen the promotion of the World Federation of Methodist Women. The concrete promotional efforts in our Societies have continued to be a pictorial presentation through posters and scrap books, regular programs, emphasis on World Outlook and The Methodist Woman; also spiritual fellowship through use of the Federation Prayer Card; and an outpouring of service through relief projects for those abroad and hospitality to foreign visitors and students in this country. There should be no cessation of the lines of activity—education, prayer and service in the coming year.

Special Memberships

The advance in giving through Special Memberships in this Conference has been stirring. Our records show that we gave 179 Baby, 8 Junior, 9 Youth, 287 Adults, 6 Memorial, 6 Honorary and 2 Patron Memberships in 1946, a total of 497, twice the number needed to attain our goal. The goal of a 10% increase in the total amount of money was exceeded also—\$9,835.00 in 1946 against \$8,680.00 in 1945, a 12% $\frac{1}{2}$ increase. Again the Shreveport District led in the amount of money given in memberships, while the Baton Rouge District led in the number of Memberships given.

It was my privilege this year to record the memberships of 1944, 1945 and 1946 in the "Permanent Membership Roll Book." Perhaps it would interest you to know that since the Charter Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in 1940, 2,146 Special Memberships have been recorded. This is indeed a splendid record but let us seek to secure, at least, one Special Membership from each Society.

Program Building

Emphasis has been put on the study of the use of the monthly program in the local situation. Vice-Presidents have been studying the factors that go into an attractive, informative, and inspiring program. Reports indicate a wider appreciation of the value of the program materials provided by the Society.

The Vice-President in the local Society is a key person in the progress of the work. The same can be said of the District Vice-Presidents who work effectively at their three-fold, far-reaching responsibility. May we each find wider paths of service in the World Federation purpose, "To Make Christ Known."

MRS S. J. FAIRCHILD, Vice-President.

HONORARY LIFE PATRON MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. C. I. Jones

Secretary Supplies, Louisiana Conference
Eight Years.

It is with a heart full of love and gratitude, that I humbly attempt to express my great appreciation for the Honorary Life Patron Membership and jeweled pin. It has always been a high privilege to be a part of the Louisiana Conference and to promote the Supply Work. The undertaking was ever with great joy, consecration and thanksgiving, feeling blessed by the opportunity of having a small part in the promotion of the Building of God's Kingdom.

It is happiness indeed to wear the pin, and to know that Missions were helped because Conference women were generous in their sweet thoughtfulness of me.

RUTH G. JONES (Mrs. C. I. Jones).

RECOMMENDATIONS

World Federation of Methodist Women

1. That increased attention be given to extending hospitality and Christian fellowship to the many foreign students in our midst.

2. That a "World Federation Five Minutes" be introduced periodically into the local Society meeting, using especially the material in 'The Methodist Woman and World Outlook.'

3. That we continue to cooperate generously in projects for sharing our abundance with the suffering and needy peoples abroad.

Special Memberships

1. That the goal of an average of one Special Membership for each Society in the Conference be maintained.

2. That where districts have already net this goal, they now seek to secure at least one Special Membership from each Society.

3. That the Local Vice-President shall be assigned the responsibility of promoting Special Memberships.

Program Building

1. That the regular program booklets be used in every Society.

2. That emphasis be placed on the making of a Program Year Book in each Local Society.

MRS. S. J. FAIRCHILD, Chairman,

MRS. E. R. TIMMERMAN, Secretary.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE—1947

I. That the Districts' pledge to Conference for missions be \$51,733.50 and that amount to be devided as follows:

Alexandria District	\$ 5,452.00
Baton Rouge District	6,265.50
Lake Charles District	6,080.00
Monroe District	6,747.00
New Orleans District	7,346.00
Ruston District	7,142.00
Shreveport District	12,701.00
 Total	 \$51,733.50

II. That the Conference pledge to the division b \$51,733.50 less 50c per capita deducted for conference cultivation.

III. That we continue to urge the members of Local Societies to increase their pledges by at least a penny a day for 1947.

IV. That a budget be made for the expenditures of the Cultivation Fund and that all conference officers become familiar with the budget as adopted.

V. That the District Treasurers earmark the cultivation funds sent in by the Local Wesleyan Service Guild for the use of District Wesleyan Service Guild Cultivation.

VI. That gifts for all kinds of special memberships should be given specially for those memberships. Special memberships are given to honor some particular individual and therefore should be given for that purpose and should be "new" money.

VIII. That in keeping with the constitution of the World Federation of Methodist Women the "smallest coin of the Realm" be given by each member of the local socities for the support of that organization. This fund to be sent through regular channels.

VIII. We recommend that societies be asked to direct funds during 1947-48 for Peoples Community Center which was formerly given for Dulac Indians; this funds to be sent through regular channels of finance.

MRS. L. B. KILPATRICK, Conference Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT—DEPARTMENT OF PROMOTION REPORT OF CONFERENCE SECRETARY

The Women of the Louisiana Conference in an earnest desire to really be "Instruments of Peace" stepped forward in 1946 with faith, hope and love and have made the following report possible.

In 21 new organizations women entered our fellowship and 1041 new members learned what it means to be a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. However, there were losses also and we only report a net gain of two societies and five members, making a total of 248 societies with a total membership of 9,154. There are also 61 guilds, six of them new in 1946, with 209 new members off the past year and a total membership of 1,186. The grand total for both the Woman's Society and the Guild being 10,317.

The financial results were most gratifying and the Conference pledge of \$37,500.00 was overpand \$18,373.36. 497 special memberships were given, totaling \$9,810, making a total sent to the Division treasurer of \$55,873.36. For the second year Louisiana leads in per capita giving.

The amount spent for Christian Social Relationes and Local Church Activity was \$39,503.71.

There was no district which reported 100% of their societies using the goal chart of observing the week of prayer. 104 societies achieved some of the goals with 40 achieving all of them. 181 societies observed week of prayer with the Monroe district leading having all but one reporting.

Louisiana Conference reports 116 Student Secretaries, 112 Youth Secretaries, 27 Interest Groups, 148 Children's Secretaries, 60 Additional session with children, 192 Spiritual Life Secretaries.

District meetings were held in each district under the supervision of the District Presidents who with the district Promotion Secretaries as well as the other district officers have given of themselves unstintingly.

A missionary from India, Miss Lydia Christensen, spoke in each district and did much to create an interest in the study of India.

Your Conference Promotion Secretary and five District Promotion Secretaries attended the School of Missions and the workshop for Promotion Secretaries held at Mt. Sequoyah last summer.

We are making progress but we still have a task to complete before we fulfill the purpose of the Woman's Socie ty of Christian Service, to unite all the women of the church in Christian living and service—for the establishment of a World Christian Community.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. D. M. CAMPBELL,
Conference Promotion Secretary.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1947

Department of Promotion

1. We recommend that in 1947, the year preceding the General Conference in 1948, special effort be made to complete the organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service by securing a Woman's Society in every charge in Louisiana.

2. We recommend that special emphasis be placed upon the completing of organization in every local society, so that each group will be carrying out the complete program of the Woman's Society.

3. Of the four and one-half million Methodist women only one-third million are members of the Society and Guild. Therefore we recommend: That an intensive membership effort be made during April, May and June, of 1947, by every Society, so that we may reach the 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the women of our church who have not as yet been enlisted.

4. Because of enlarged opportunities all over the world and increasing living costs everywhere making imperative a large income to the Woman's Division, we recommend: That Stewardship of Possession be stressed in each society and that the use of the "penny-a-day" plan be encouraged so that by the end of the year we may have all societies meeting the challenge.

5. Realizing the splendid results being achieved by the "Visitation Campaign" we recommend: That this form of promotion and cultivation be stressed again next year.

Believing that every society should "plan its work and work its plan," we commend the "Calendar of Activities" found in the inside cover of the Officer's Letter File and urge that this or a similar plan be followed.

6. Believing in the effectiveness of a visual presentation, we recommend that wherever possible the Woman's Society use the Kodakchrome Lecture on "The Woman's Society of Christian Service at Work," to educate the women of the church.

REPORT OF DISTRICT SECRETARIES

DEPARTMENT OF PROMOTION, ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

The year of 1946 has been of opportunity and I have enjoyed the privilege of serving as Promotion Secretary of Alexandria District. Attending the school of mission at Mt. Sequoyah was indeed a pleasure as it proved to be a source of both information and inspiration.

Our fall Seminar was well attended, resulting in many more societies taking study courses of India and Stewardship. The work in all Woman's Societies of Christian Service has steadily grown as a result of more organized efforts throughout the district. Our zone meetings have reached a number of the smaller churches. There is a better possibility of reaching them through organization in the near future. Miss Elizabeth Thompson, our rural worker, will be of great assistance in making this possible.

The Wesleyan Guild has made much progress under the leadership of Miss Cleo Brasher and recently a Guild was organized in Jonesville.

We derived much benefit from the visit of Miss Lydia Christensen, our missionary from India. She was in our district—Natchitoches, Alexandria, Jena, Urania and Pollock—for three days. There was a very satisfactory attendance at all meetings.

Interesting to note, several Woman's Societies of Christian Service have increased their pledge, especially responding to a penny a day additional for every member.

Miss Lucille Pierce, our Student Worker in Northwestern, has accomplished much with the students and her reports show a greater interest.

We are vitally concerned for an increase in all departments of our work, especially children and youth, more efficient workers, and a deeper Spiritual Life throughout the entire district.

MISS MOLLYE STEWART.

REPORT OF BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

1. Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Conference Rural Deaconess, gave two weeks to visitation and teaching stewardship in eight local congregations in the Baton Rouge District.

2. Four new societies made first reports this year. Five additional societies have been organized and will make first reports next quarter. Two other groups are planning immediate organization. This will leave only one pastoral charge in the Baton Rouge District without one or more societies.

3. The Baton Rouge District is reporting the largest number of special memberships, and the second largest amount of money raised by special memberships.

4. The societies of the district have cooperated in buying furnishings for the new Methodist Student Center at Southeastern Louisiana College at Hammond.

5. Visitation program and discussion groups for officers training have been conducted by district and conference officers in 36 societies in the district.

The few months I have spent at District Secretary of Organization and Promotion have been happy and oh-so-buy ones. Many challenging things clamor to be done. I leave the work with a new appreciation of the time and effort involved in the work, and will carry a sincere prayer in my heart for the new secretary of the Baton Rouge District.

MRS. VIRGIL D. MORRIS,
District Secretary of Organization and Promotion.

REPORT OF THE LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT FOR 1946

Because the interest of the women of our 35 societies continues so steadfast and true, each year we make some advance and progress. Mrs. Clark and the District Officers had the work off to a good start in the first quarter, when she had to leave us.

Realizing that the Spiritual Life of our members is so vital, Mrs. Carl Curtis reports that 31 Societies elected Secretaries, and 29 had Week of Prayer Servics with Special Offerings. The number of Prayer Groups is increasing.

Through Missionary Education and Service we are growing. Mrs. D. A. Collette and her Study and Action Committee held two very fine Seminars, attended by 170 members from 23 Societies. Over 1,200 were enrolled in Approved Study Classes. Mrs. Gilbert Covington feels that with 400 subscribers to "Methodist Woman" and 366 to "World Outlook" we have a much larger reading circle than ever before.

Mrs. John Hoffpauir states that nearly all Societies take adequate care of Local Church Activities, and that there is a growing consciousness of the needs of "Christian Social Relations."

Financially we have been guided by Mrs. Gladney Hoffpauir to over pay our pledge, and by Mrs. F. A. Bacon to give 25 Adult Memberships and 25 Baby Memberships.

We are proud to have 14 Guilds giving so much of their precious leisure time to His service.

The future of our societies is being made secure by developing our Student, Youth, and Children's Work. Mrs. Ed Andrus, Mrs. H. W. Hamilton, and Mrs. R. L. Haines have an increased number of these secretaries with 21 Societies having Additional Sessions or Interest Groups.

Mrs. H. E. Jester has so emphasized the "Second Mile" giving that 34 societies sent some supplies this year.

Mrs. Leta Anderson has several concrete instances of new leadership developed this year under the activities of Status of Women.

Our President, Mrs. A. A. Gibson, has held two Executive Meetings and planned an inspirational District Conference held in Jennings. She attended nearly all zone meetings, bringing us interesting material from the Columbus Assembly. Eight fine zone meetings were the work of our Zone leaders.

I look forward each month to the good reports of Miss Pearle Maye Kelley, Deaconess at S. L. I.

The use of the Goal Chart by 23 Societies resulted in many goals achieved, and four societies made all. There is a growing awareness of the importance of reporting.

We are confident of an even better year in 1947.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. P. D. LAMBERT, Secretary of Promotion.

TREASURER'S REPORT WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
January 10, 1946, to January 10, 1947

EXPLANATION

	Balances Jan. 10, 1946	Additions	Deduc- tions	Balances Jan. 10, 1947
First National Bank, Shreveport, La. -----	\$ 3,516.51	\$77,967.93	\$78,344.50	\$ 3,139.94
Cultivation Fund -----	3,367.46	3,725.37	5,045.79	2,047.04
Dulac Fund -----	128.40	789.50	-----	917.90
Scarritt Study Grant -----	20.00	-----	-----	20.00
Business Girls' Inn -----	-----	50.00	-----	50.00
Conference Car -----	-----	105.00	-----	105.00
Honorary Memberships -----	.65	245.35	246.00	-----
Totals -----	\$ 3,516.51	\$ 4,915.22	\$ 5,291.79	\$ 3,139.94

CASH RECEIPTS

Balance—January 10, 1946 ----- \$ 3,516.51

Pledges:

W. S. C. S. -----	\$54,199.44	
W. S. G. -----	4,969.10	\$59,168.63

Supplies:

W. S. C. S. -----	8,366.83	
W. S. G. -----	445.94	8,812.77

Week of Prayer:

W. S. C. S. -----	5,125.39	
W. S. G. -----	411.20	5,536.59
M. Y. F. -----	-----	1,504.89
Student -----	-----	4.00
Children -----	-----	243.10
Less 35¢ per capita transferred to Cultivation Fund -----	-----	3,384.12
		\$71,921.86

Cultivation Fund:

W. S. C. S. -----	-----	3,006.16	3,348.12
W. S. G. -----	-----	341.96	3,348.12

Designated Funds:

Dulac Building -----	789.50	
Conference Automobile -----	105.00	
Business Girls' Inn -----	50.00	944.50

Transient Fund:

Miss Grace Gatewood for foreign field -----	350.00	
Mrs. C. I. Jones, for Scarritt College -----	1,000.00	1,350.00

Misc. Funds:

Conference Collection -----	180.75	
Educational Seminar -----	190.90	
Conference Officers Honorary Members -----	26.20	
Misc. -----	5.60	403.45

Total Receipts ----- \$77,957.93

Total cash to be accounted for ----- \$81,474.44

ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION STATISTIC
Mrs. D. M. Campbell

	New Members W.S.C.S.	Total Membership W.S.C.S.	Number of Guitars	Total Membership	Subscriptions to Methodists Women	Subscriptions to World Outlook	Enrollment in Approved Studies	Achieving All Goals
Alexandria	115	1057	8	190	173	160	963	18
Baton Rouge	228	1358	7	128	346	315	2074	11
Lake Charles	178	1420	14	216	400	366	2093	11
Monroe	157	1260	10	218	292	169	1786	16
New Orleans	145	1022	5	95	349	324	1180	10
Ruston	195	1362	8	198	356	276	1243	10
Shreveport	258	1831	7	128	664	614	1984	22
Total	1276	9304	59	1173	2580	2224	11323	104

FINANCIAL REPORT—1946

	Total Pledge W.S.C.S.	Total Pledge W.S.C.S.	Special Memberships	Honorary Life Memberships	Patron Honorary Life Memberships	Memorial Honorary Life Memberships	Cash for Supplies	Week of Prayer	Amt. Raised For C.S.R. and L.C.A.
Alexandria	\$ 3,055.07	\$ 288.15	\$ 295.00	-----	-----	-----	\$ 427.93	\$ 30.20	\$ 2,449.79
Baton Rouge	5,514.16	720.54	1,870.00	-----	-----	-----	\$ 1,632.74	811.82	7,296.30
Lake Charles	6,289.53	1,073.57	845.00	106.00	-----	-----	\$ 1,609.02	911.43	8,027.99
Monroe	5,742.83	706.16	1,230.00	109.00	-----	-----	\$ 1,626.88	831.35	6,453.69
New Orleans	6,458.72	585.86	495.00	121.85	-----	-----	\$ 971.08	674.05	3,519.36
Ruston	6,191.66	682.01	1,260.00	200.00	-----	-----	\$ 854.15	927.60	4,620.52
Shreveport	11,330.97	482.36	2,185.00	100.00	-----	-----	\$ 1,784.72	1,143.69	9,006.46
By Conference	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Totals	\$ 44,582.94	\$ 4,538.59	\$ 8,180.00	\$ 836.85	\$ 300.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 8,960.52	\$ 5,330.14	\$ 41,374.11

SPECIAL MISSIONARY PROJECTS

Name	Station	Amount	Paid	Cost of Project	Credited To:
Hester T. Smith, Songdo, Korea	BIBLE WOMEN	\$ 120.00			Noel Memorial WSCS, Shreveport, La.
Priscilla Banetyl, East Manchuria		100.00			Carrollton Ave., New Orleans, La.
Dorothy Wilmot, Huchow, China		100.00			Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans.
	FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS				
Colegio Irene Toland, Matanzas, Cuba		40.00			Winnfield WSCS, Winnfield, La.
Lee Dick, Houston Institute, Songdo, Korea		40.00			Monroe First Church WSCS, Monroe, La.
Annie Trooper, Davidson School, Soochow, China		40.00			Monroe First Church WSCS, Monroe, La.
Bell O. Pry, Institute Laurens, Monterrey, Mexico		40.00			Rayne Memorial WSCS, New Orleans, La.
	BUDGET SPECIALS				
Margaret Hazel Maish, Buduan School, India		30.00			Jennings WSCS, Jennings, La.
Kindergarten, Congo Belge, Africa		25.00			Carrollton Ave. WSCS, New Orleans, La.
Soochow Hospital, Soochow, China		50.00			Pineville WSCS, Pineville, La.
	MISSIONARIES				
China Missionary (unassigned)		1,000.00			1st Methodist Church, Shreveport, La.
Patricia McHugh		1,000.00			Louisiana Conference.
China Missionary		750.00			Louisiana Conference.
Increase for China Missionary		226.86			Seven Districts, Louisiana Conference.
Miss Elma Ashby, Nurses Training School, Nyadir, Africa		900.00			Louisiana Conference.
	DEACONNESSES				
Miss Ella K. Hooper, McDonnell French Mission School		900.00			1st Methodist Church, Shreveport District.
Mrs. Mark K. Freeman, Business Girls' Inn		900.00			
	STUDENT WORKERS				
Lucile Pierce, Northwestern, Natchitoches, La.		1,200.00			Louisiana Conference.
Pearlie Mae Kelley, Southwestern, Lafayette, La.		900.00			Louisiana Conference.
Rev. Norman Preston, Jr., Polytechnic Institute, Ruston La.		400.00			Louisiana Conference.
	HOME SCHOLARSHIPS				
MacDonnell French Mission School, Houma, La.		6,138.99		\$6,000.00	Louisiana WSCS and WSG.
	CITY MISSION BOARDS				
St. Mark's Community Center, New Orleans, La.		570.00			Louisiana W.S.C.S. and WSG.
Kindergarten Worker, People's Community Center, New Orleans		1,200.00			Louisiana Conference.
Business Girls' Inn, Shreveport, La.		384.00			Shreveport District.
	MISCELLANEOUS				
Special Guild Projects	MIGRANT WORK	413.84			WSG Louisiana Conference.
Hammond, La.		20.00			Rayne Memorial WSCS, New Orleans, La.

MONROE DISTRICT

We, the W. S. C. S. of the Monroe District, have had a wonderfully, close fellowship with God during 1946. In many ways our District has prospered, and some of our weaknesses strengthened.

Although we have an organization in every charge, we are not satisfied, and are now working toward an organization in every church.

For 1946 our pledge was overpaid by the end of the third quarter. This year twenty-five societies and two guilds have haised their pledges by a penny a day. Five hundred and twenty-five individuals have raised their pledges. Last year one thousand three hundred and eight-nine dollars (\$1,389.00) were raised for Life Memberships.

Zone meeting were held quarterly in the five zones, and they were well attended. These meetings were well planned, and effectively carried out by our capable zone leaders. We are happy to announce that many young women are attending the local society meetings and the zone meetings. Our District already feels the strength of the work done by these young women. One society organized a night circle of approximately twenty-five young women who could not attend the day time meetings. The responsibility of the work in many societies has been shifted to these younger workers, this being accomplished through the love and loyalty of older members. Our attendance last year increased by 17½%.

We have more women studying and preparing for leadership, more who are seeking to serve, and taking advantage of all opportunities. Our women are indeed realizing that stewardship means all of life.

The visitation team, composed of District officers, visited every local society for officer training program. We feel that the societies were indeed strengthened by these personal efforts.

We are ably led in our District Organization by our President, Mrs. D. C. Metcalf. She holds regular executive meetings for the advancement of the work.

We have made plans to put double special emphasis for 1947 on the work of children, youth, and students as we feel our foundations must be strong for future heritages.

Our Spiritual Life, and other Secretaries have done a splendid work, and each day, after our labors are over, we check ourselves by asking "What have I done today that only a Christian would do?"

We, the women of this district, are looking first in our own lives, and with God's help and leadership, trying to remove the hinderences that lie in the way of our influence. We are indeed striving to "Let Our Light So Shine."

MRS. A. J. ENSMINGER,
District Promotion Secretary.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

The District meeting at Houma, the Educational Seminar at Gentilly Church, and the two zone meetings held at Carrollton Avenue and Morgan City were helpful to the members attending them.

The visitations by the District Officers to the Local Societies have been very inspirational and were well attended.

Two new societies have been organized in the District. One at Harahan and the other at Berwick. We also have a new Wesleyan Service Guild at Slidell.

The financial report is good. An increased pledge overpaid by 18%. As a District, we are doing our utmost to make "Thy Kingdom Come."

MRS. SAM B. DUNBAR,
District Promotion Secretary.

RUSTON DISTRICT

The women of the Ruston District have realized that in knowledge there is power and have turned their energies to the study classes. Much

fine work was done last year and this year's Stewardship classes have been very gratifying.

Every society reporting the first quarter of this year reported a Spiritual Life Secretary. We are realizing more and more that the power and strength of our organization is dependent on its spiritual life.

The Ruston District is organized in to five zones with splendid leaders. We were sorry to lose Mrs. Robert McGehee as a leader of zone 3, as she had served faithfully for several years. Her place has been filled by Mrs. M. L. DeFreese of the Claiborne Church. Well planned inspirational zone meetings are being held.

Our memberships play an important part in our work as we gave 2 Life Patron, 42 Adult Life, 1 Youth and 31 Baby Life Memberships in 1946 and already this year we have 1 Life Patron, 4 Adults, and 3 Baby Members.

We dare not rest on our past laurels but must push our organization, our youth and children work and other challenging things that are before us. With the splendid district organization that has been perfected we are expecting to do great things for our Heavenly Father.

MRS. STEWART DEAS,
District Promotion Secretary.

REPORT OF SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

The outstanding achievement of the Shreveport District the past year was the Officier Training program in the local society. This plan of going into the local church for a period of training, instead of having one day for the whole District was widely discussed at the School of Missions at Sequoyah last summer. When our District Executive Committee held its third quarterly meeting, this plan was presented, and all the District and Conference officers in the area agreed to assist in making the visits.

The visitation began November 2, and all but four societies—who could not or would not set a date—were visited before the end of the year. Following the pattern set by the Master when the seventy were sent forth, we went out two by two. The response was wonderful, and the fellowship something never to be forgotten. We are all agreed that it was a most rewarding experience. Exact figures are not available, but approximately four hundred women were reached in our District through this type training. Our teams travelled more than 1,400 miles, at a cost of not more than \$50.00.

Our Rural Deaconess, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, spent the month of January in the Shreveport District, working with the District Superintendent and the Conference Board of Education. She held eighteen Woman's Society meetings in the country churches, organizing two societies under the modified plan, at the request of the women in the respective neighborhoods. One of these is at Madden's Crossing where we do not have a church building, but services are held in a home. The other at Shiloh, a former Methodist Episcopal church, and now served by a student pastor from Centenary College.

We are happy to report four new societies not included in those previously mentioned. Three of these have had special visits for Officer Training. The others will be visited soon.

Shreveport District has 57 churches within its bounds. Sixteen of these have no Woman's Society. Most of these are small country churches with widely scattered membership. We are finding it very hard to interest five or six women, and keep that interest burning. There are three unorganized charges.

For our statistical report:

Societies, 40; membership, January 1, 1947, 1959, an increase of 251 over 1945. After receiving the reports for the first quarter I am delighted to add that we have passed the 2000 mark this quarter.

Total pledge, 1946, \$10,664.00. Paid \$14,212.94.
Special Memberships: Adult 70, Youth 4, Baby 32.
Subscribers to Methodist Women 666, World Outlook 614.
Wesleyan Service Guilds 7, membership 128.
Supplies, the over and above gifts, \$1,486.81.
Spent of Christian Social Relations \$11,535.52.

Twenty-three societies reported reaching 216 goals. Nine societies reached all goals.

There are five zones, where nine meetings were held with programs planned by District Officers and Zone Leaders. The District Officers held four executive meetings, which were well attended.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ELMER E. STEWART,
District Promotion Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE (1946)

The accomplishments of this department for 1946 are almost wholly due to the guidance and inspiration of Mrs. G. W. Dameron, who held the position of Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service so capably over a period of years. We rejoice in Mrs. Dameron's election to the larger field of service as Jurisdictional Secretary.

Signs of Progress

Progress has been made along many lines in this department. The district organization continues to play a vital part in the progress. The average number of societies reporting per quarter was 158 in 1946, compared to 146 in 1945 and 128 in 1944. A nice increase. There were 536 approved study classes in 1946 compared to 508 in 1945 and 442 in 1944. There are 10,694 members in approved classes compared to 9,662 in 1945. There were 2,151 members participating in Education and Cultivation Agencies compared to 1,512 in 1945. These increases are encouraging but we have some weaknesses that we will mention later.

Study Topics and Results

The Bible Study, "The Fatherhood of God," and the study of "India" proved most popular in 1946. Several societies reported fines classes on "Families in a New World" and "Africa." The interest and enthusiasm aroused by the study of "India" in the fourth quarter were outstanding. Results reported from these studies show more interest in Bible reading, community tensions relieved, increased interest in world affairs and more concern for the needy. The study of both "Africa" and "India" resulted in many gifts of money being sent to our in these countries.

Seminars

The Educational Seminars continue to prove their worth. In 1946, 151 societies sent 846 representatives to the seminars, and 416 copies of the year's program of study and action were sold.

Some Weaknesses

Our first weakness continues to be reporting. With an average of 158 societies reporting in 1946, there are still almost 100 societies failing to report. Our second weakness is in the number of S. J. R. classes. In 1946 there were 73. Of this number, 34 were on the India study in the fourth quarter. Our third weakness was the smaller number of informal studies and joint study classes. Our secretaries of Missionary Education and Service need to remember that they are a part of the program and finance committees and chairman of the study and action committees.

Conclusion

Where there is no vision the people perish and where there is no vital

program of study and action, there is work done. May we not be purposeless and passionless while the world perishes but may we be so stirred that we will be afire with a desire to make of all mankind a Christian brotherhood.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HARRY KENDRICK.

RECOMMENDATIONS

From the Department of Missionary Education and Service

1. That the standing committee on Study and Action in each society make and submit to the society plans for a year's program of study and action.

a. That this program include the following approved study themes for 1947-48:

1. World Evangelism.
2. We the Peoples of the United Nations.
3. Prayer.

2. That, in addition to emphasizing the efficient functioning of Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service on program, finance, and study and action committees, local and district Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service give renewed stress to the formation of Reading Circles and Libraries, calling attention to helpful suggestions regarding these two phases of our work to be carried in the Methodist Woman.

3. That local and district Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service cultivate toward a realization of the following goals, and that these goals be interpreted in district and zone meetings.

- a. Educational progress in each local society.
- b. Effective presentation of monthly programs, using prescribed program material.
- c. Helpful guidance in the development of circle programs.
- d. Increased use of World Outlook, the Methodist Woman and other Church publications.
- e. Continued increase in approved study courses until the goal of four is reached.
- f. At least one Special Jurisdiction Recognition class in each society.
- g. Increased emphasis on ways and means of permeating the entire society with the new revitalized interest, strengthened convictions, and other results growing out of study classes or other educational efforts.

4. That local and district Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service strive to personalize the missionary education program by:

- a. Encouraging the use of all available missionaries in all age groups.
- b. Using every opportunity to acquaint all members with the work of Home Department institutions within the borders of the conference.

5. That we cultivate toward more effective leadership by:

- a. Holding educational seminars in each district.
- b. Local and district societies providing funds for sending their respective secretaries of Missionary Education and Service to The Conference School of Mission to be held at MacDonnell School, Houma, La., June 9-13, 1947.

6. That local and district Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service encourage study classes in all Wesleyan Service Guild units and report such classes each quarter.

MRS. HARRY HENDRICK,

Conference Secretary of Missionary Education and Service.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Atomic Age Year I has provided unlimited opportunities for us to help mould public opinion toward building a world-mind. Our emphasis during the year has been on "The Church's Ministry to the Family" and "World Order."

Study Program and Results

"Study" and "action" are the key words for our program. 485 studies were reported this year. Many of these were informal studies on subjects related to the theme for the year. As a result of study greater interest was created in social legislation, both State and National; literally hundreds of letters were written to legislators and Congressmen. Some issues attracting wide interest were: Compulsory Military Training, Lynch-in, UNRRA, a State Juvenile Commission, Compulsory School Attendance, the United Nations, Civil Service, OPA, the Control of Atomic Energy, FEPC, British Loan, Minimum Wage Bill, National Health Act, Federal Aid to Education, and the National Housing Act.

Activities of Local Societies Growing

Increased cooperation with agencies and organizations which work along similar lines has been noted. Some of these are P. T. A., Red Cross, Woman's Action Committee, League of Women Voters, Louisiana Conference of Social Welfare, United Council of Church Women, Home Demonstration Clubs, T.B. Association, WCTU, Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, UNRRA, Memorial Mercy Home, Community Chest, the Louisiana Legislative Council.

Local societies have been most acting in working to remove racial tensions and improving race relations in the community; in promoting a program of alcohol education, working to have laws enforced and protesting drinking in movies and liquor advertising on the radio; in making the local church a center for family life and fellowship; in working for the enforcement of child labor laws and improving economic conditions; in urging women to assume their obligation in the use of the ballot; in supporting the United Nations with all its agencies and organizations; and in serving the local church where endless meals are served, parsonages furnished and kept up, and where women are every willing to serve; during the year of Evangelism many aided in surveys and visitation. \$42,547.92 was spent on local work this year and Wesleyan Service Guilds reported \$1,301.24 for three quarters.

District Secretaries

District Secretaries have been faithful in channeling materials, promoting the work and setting up the Educational Seminars. To them goes most of the credit for this report. "The Information and Action Bulletin" has been mailed to all societies and Guilds every two months. Letters and cards have been sent regularly.

Participation in Legislation

(See Legislative Action)

Our Conference has participated in the Louisiana Legislation Council and acted as chairman of the project committee on Juvenile matters. As a result of this work, the governor has appointed a State Juvenile Commission to study all matters relating to Juveniles.

Our Conference received the Jurisdiction Subsidy of \$50.00 to the National Seminar at DePauw University July 2-17. Mrs. F. E. Kennon of Minden, La., attended and Miss Stevens has written of the excellent contribution she made.

Guild Cooperation

Miss Sue Batton, Guild representative on the standing committee, has channeled all material to Guilds and made quarterly reports on Christian Social Relations. A report blank has been used for three quarters and

these show a marked improvement in interest and work. Miss Batton is generous in giving her time and help and we feel that this will help coordinate the work of the Guild and the Woman's Society.

Conference Secretary

As Conference Secretary I attended the National Conference on Religion and Labor in Detroit, the Jurisdiction Conference in St. Louis, the Pastors' School and the School of Mission at Mt. Sequoyah. As a member of a resource Committee of the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, I attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Division at Buck Hill Falls. It was a real privilege to visit the United Nations one day while I was in New York.

MRS. G. W. POMEROY,
Conference Secretary of C.S.R. and L.C.A.

RECOMMENDATIONS

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES

In order to implement the "Activities for 1947" as suggested by the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, we recommend the following as a program of action for the Louisiana Conference.

I. That as an outgrowth of the study of stewardship in the local church we (1) Emphasize the stewardship of responsibility as elected secretaries. (2) Study ways and means of securing our budgets with due regard to Christian stewardship principles. (3) The stewardship of America for the Peace of the World.

II. That every society promote a program of Study and Action which shall help eliminate prejudice and suspicion, strengthen family life, build public opinion, and help create a world order where peace is possible. (See suggested Informal Studies for 1947).

III. That the secretary of children's work in the local society be invited to serve on the Christian Social Relations Committee.

IV. That we reaffirm our traditional Methodist position that total abstinence is the goal of alcohol education.

V. That the local church be made the center of Christian fellowship for families and individuals through more adequate opportunities for social, recreational, and cultural activities.

VI. That we continue our interest in legislation, studying all bills carefully and urging individual and group action when it is needed.

VII. That we seek to secure a wider use of the ballot by seeing that all citizens of the community exercise their voting rights without intimidation or restriction, particularly members of the other races.

VIII. That we urge the cooperation of local societies in the enforcement of existing state and local laws relating to alcohol and gambling.

IX. That fundamental to building a world community is the necessity to uproot prejudices, suspicions, and fears and in this task the Church must lead, not follow.

X. That we adopt the following goals for 1947:

(1) Every society reporting every quarter. (2) Every Methodist woman a registered voter. (3) Every society sending coupons to the Memorial Mercy Home, 815 Washington Street, New Orleans, La. (4) Every society supporting the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

XI. That we cooperate in every way possible with the emphasis of the next place of the Crusade:

(1) Alcohol education. (2) Church school enrollment and attendance. (3) The rural Church.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION ADOPTED BY LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
WOMAN'S SOCIETY, LAKE CHARLES, LA., APRIL 9, 1947**

American Intervention

President Truman, by-passing the United Nations advocates unilateral economic and military intervention in royalist Greece and totalitarian Turkey and the beginning of the world wide economic and military intervention. This policy would ruin the great power cooperation which Secretary Marshall has urged, under the United Nations, and lead a peace-hungry world to war. Therefore we recommend:

That we go on record as being in favor of doing all we can to strengthen the United Nations by working through it in all matter. And that we urge President Truman to transfer to the United Nations as soon as possible agreements with Greece and Turkey.

We are heartily in favor of feeding starving people in Greece and elsewhere but on a non-political basis and through the United Nations.

International Refugee Organization

Since almost one million and a quarter refugees and displaced persons are still living in and out of camps in Germany, Austria, and Italy, and France and since the International Refugee Organization will be responsible for the care, repatriation, and resettlement of the remaining refugees and displaced persons.

We recommend:

- (1) That we go on record as favoring the adoption of the United States' quota of this International agency's budget and that we write our Senators and Congressmen of this action.
- (2) That we favor a revision of our Immigration Act to permit our receiving our share of displaced persons.

Child Labor

Whereas, the House has voted to abolish the Division of Labor Standards which includes the Youth Employment and Child Labor units and to cut in half the child labor appropriations.

We recommend:

- (1) That this body wire Senator John H. Overton of the Senate Appropriations Committee urging that the full amount appropriated for Child Labor this year---\$301,761---be granted for next year.
- (2) That the Division of Labor Standards be continued with its full functions including the Child Labor and Youth Employment branch.
- (3) That local societies take similar actions as soon as possible after this meeting.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS FINANCIAL REPORT (1946)

Balance from 1945 \$ 15.83

Received from Treasurer:

First Quarter	.....	100.00
Trip to Detroit	.....	60.02
Second Quarter	.....	100.00
Fourth Quarter	.....	30.00
Refund for Seminar	.....	20.90

Total \$ 326.75

Disbursements:

Legislative Council Dues	\$ 31.00
Trip to National Conference on Religion and Labor	70.02
De Pauw Seminar	20.90
Quarterly Expense to District Secretaries	17.77
Committee on Juvenile Matters	15.00
Typist	5.00
Literature and material for Conference and District Secretaries	23.75
Telephone and Telegrams (Legislative Program)	47.00
Expense to Legislative Council	15.50
Postage	30.92
Paper, Stencils, etc.	30.86
Trip to Monroe	2.54
 Total	 310.26
 Balance	 \$ 16.49

REPORT ON SECRETARY OF LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS

The department of Literature and Publications is identified very closely with every other department of work, since it is the task of the Literature Secretaries to promote all literature produced for the use of the societies. The main objective of your Conference Secretary has been that this material reach the officers and membership of every society.

This objective has been reached to a certain extent through the splendid cooperation of the District Secretaries of Literature, for there has been a gradual improvement in practically every phase of work. There has been more and better use of our periodicals and other literature for enriching the regular monthly program material. There has been a very great increase in the number of societies using the annual report. The week of prayer material seems to have been used more extensively. Forty-three societies reported every officer a subscriber to "The Methodist Woman," the number almost doubling during the year.

The number of societies reporting has increased, but our average last year was only 56% of our societies. With such a small percentage, it is almost impossible to judge what has really been accomplished.

"The Conference News" was published three times during 1946.

Literature was ordered by your Secretary and most attractively displayed for sale at the Annual Conference in Baton Rouge, with Mrs. J. W. Worthington and Mrs. H. M. Nelson in charge. The total sales of books and materials amounted to \$204.81.

During the year some 2,100 pieces of literature exclusive of quarterly letters, were mailed to the societies. This included "The Conference News," the "Week of Prayer" material and the program material. The cost for mailing this literature, plus promotional expenses, is shown below:

Mailing of the "Conference News"	\$26.94
Mailing of Week of Prayer material	9.00
Mailing Program material	18.90
Quarterly letters (Mimeographing, envelopes, Stamps, etc.)	16.86
Letters	3.00
Miscellaneous expense (envelopes, telephone, labor, etc.)	8.00
Literature Demonstration for Conference	15.00
 Total	 \$96.70

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. J. DAVIDSON, JR.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS

The Secretary of Literature and Publications has for her goal the task of interesting every woman of the church in its most vital concern, the bringing of the world to Christ." Feeling that there is no better way of reaching this goal than through a wide reading of our publications, we recommend that the Literature Secretaries strive to:

1. Have every officer using the tools of her office, including the leaflet listing her duties, her Handbook if there is one, the "Guide," our Conference minutes and the Annual Report of the Woman's Division.
2. Have a wide distribution and use of field literature.
3. A general use and study of the literature pertaining to the work of the Christian Social Relations Department.
4. A 20% increase in subscriptions to "The Methodist Woman" and the "World Outlook."

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF CHILDREN'S WORK

As your new secretary, I am most grateful and happy to have the privilege of giving you the report of children's work. Many fine women of this conference have given much of their time and prayer to this work and with splendid results, as can be seen from their reports.

I have received reports from 116 societies, showing very good enrollment and average attendance for kindergarten, primary and juniors in our Church schools. There has been an increase in extra sessions. Our mission units have furnished much excellent material for the sessions. The units on "Africa" and "India" have been a source of information for our children and certainly helped them to have a kinder and better understanding of children elsewhere. Our children have shared with those they have studied about, by sending cash and boxes of supplies to them.

When you look across our Conference and find our children doing so many good things for others, you know they are growing into fine Christians and helping others to go our Father's way. The following are some of the things they have done: Boxes for Methodist overseas relief; mission in Brazil, bandages for African work, MacDonnell school, Sager-Brown Home, Mercy Hospital Home and Wesley Community House, San Antonio, Texas. Cash to El Valle, Panama for Church equipment, Mayo Chapel in Cuba, Miss Kelly, bicycle for African preacher, and missions in general. In their own communities the children have shared in many ways, such as Christmas and Thanksgiving boxes, remembering shut-ins and participating in the Church program.

Mrs. Roy Scales, Conference Director of Children's Work from the Board of Education, and I have mailed to all superintendents of children's divisions in the Church School and secretaries of children's work in the Woman's Society, three copies of the children's Workers Bulletin and one each quarter. We have presented the entire program for children as a unit, giving the work to be done in the Church School, extra sessions, mission units and every emphasis for children's workers. I have had the approval of our Conference executive committee also Mrs. Wedemeyer, Jurisdictional Secretary of Children's Work and Miss Van Hooser from general headquarters.

I want to express my deep appreciation to the seven district secretaries of children's work for their untiring efforts and devotion to our work. I send all materials to them and they mail to the secretary of children's work in each society. Thanks again for your wonderful work.

Now must be the Time. Together we will give our best in accomplishing our aims for this year. We must give and give NOW if we are to meet our children's needs and build a World Brotherhood.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. A. BARNWELL,
Conference Secretary of Children's Work.

CHILDREN'S WORK
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1947

Bearing in mind the needs of children today at home and abroad, and the possible ways of meeting the needs that the program of the church presents, it would seem that the following emphasis call for special attention during the current year:

1. Active cooperation on the part of the Woman's Society of Christian Service with the plans of the local church for the Christian education of children. This includes:
 - a. The election by the society of a secretary of children's work with experience in the teaching of children.
 - b. Participation by the Secretary as a member of the Council of Children's Workers.
 - c. Service of the secretary as a teacher in the Sunday morning sessions of the church school, in additional session, or in both.
 - d. Regular reports on children's work by the secretary to the Woman's Society, with the suggestions of ways in which members of the Society may share in the work.
2. Thoughtful provision for the missionary education of children within the ongoing program of the church. This involves:
 - a. Plans for the year made well in advance, preferably in September.
 - b. Careful preparation for the teaching of missionary units in both the Sunday morning and additional sessions of the church school. With the use of Methodist literature.
 - c. Offerings of Children to World Service and the Children's Service Fund.
3. Organization of study groups for parents in the possibilities of family life that is Christian.
4. Active promotion of the current objectives of the Crusade for Christ that relate especially to children.
5. Growing cooperation with special agencies for the welfare of children.
6. Constant endeavor through the regular channels of the church to minister to the tragic needs of children and their parents in countries abroad.
7. Continuing interest in, and support of the programs of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the current year that are based on the theme of "Such is the Kingdom."
8. Participation by the secretary of children's work in leadership education opportunities such as laboratory schools, summer schools, and institutes.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF YOUTH WORK

Perhaps the greatest achievement in the past year is the fact that the Unified Plan for the Mission education of youth is being more effectively used in our local churches. As a result we see our youth groups organizing the Commission on Missions and World Friendship and, under the wise direction of the Adult Advisers, planning programs, study, and activities of this group. As our young people have become better informed about the program of the Church, they have shown a willingness to participate in its activities and to support its missionary program. Many are signifying their desire to serve the church by becoming Life Service Volunteers. The Church is calling for its best young people and many are answering the call.

STATISTICAL REPORT 1946

Methodist Youth Fellowships organized	69
Commissions on Missions and World Friendship functioning	56
Adult Advisers to Commissions	47
Interest Groups (Mission studies for boys and girls conducted by the Commission)	74
Joint Committee functioning	16
INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT:	
Missionary Education Advisers	30
Mission Units	52
Schools of Missions	32
Interest Groups (girls and young women studying work of Woman's Society of Christian Service	50
Using program material prepared for this group	39
Using Methodist Woman and World Outlook	77
Methodist Youth Fund	\$1,504.89

INSTITUTIONS AND PROJECTS OF THE WOMAN'S DIVISION TO WHICH SUPPLIES WERE SENT

McDonnell French Mission School, Houma, La.
 St. Mark's Community Center, New Orleans, La.
 Sager-Brown Orphanage and School, Baldwin, La.
 Dulac Indian Mission, near Houma, La.
 Bandages to Hospital in Africa.
 School Supplies to Elizabethville in Belgian Congo.
 Money sent to help educate Chinese girl.
 European clothing drive.
 Overseas Relief.
 Used Clothing to Wesley House, San Antonio, Texas.
 Boxes sent to Philippines and to China.
 Bandages sent to Mayo Memorial Church, Cuba.
 Navajo Methodist Mission, New Mexico.
 People's Community Center, New Orleans, La.
 Food Campaign for Europe (box).
 Village Library in India (\$3.00).

MRS. E. A. SARTOR,
Conference Secretary of Youth Work.

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS

In order to provide adequate Missionary Education of all Youth in our jurisdiction, we recommend:

1. The immediate selection of an active Secretary of Youth Work in each local Society.
2. The we work toward a functioning Commission on Missions and World Friendship in every church (in churches too small for a Cimmision, Missionary emphasis within the Youth Program of the Church should be provided). This commission should promote the Methodist Youth Fund and provide a well planned program of study looking toward the World Evangelism emphasis this coming year.
3. The presentation of the needs for additional missionary personnel in all meeting of youth. The Secretary of Youth Work should help the young people to know of the opportunities of service within the church, and their responsibility in helping meet this great need.
4. The use of the Goal Chart for the Woman's Society for 1947 ,Goal 8) as a part of promoting the plan of missionary education, and not for achievement of the goal.

5. That the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service make more adequate provision for leadership training opportunities for District Secretaries of Youth Work. We urge that the Secretaries of Youth Work be included in workshops and seminars set up for training district leadership. (District training should also be given local secretaries.)

6. That we seek to arouse in every secretary a sense of stewardship in her own life and in her leadership.

SECRETARY OF STUDENT WORK, LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

The first full year of peace has brought rare opportunities and strong challenges, as well as problems and difficulties to those who work in the student field. The great rush of thousands of young people into institutions of higher learning has made us realize more than ever the truth that "the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

With tasks before them that often seemed insurmountable, the several Directors of Student Work on our college campuses have found encouragement and support again and again from local Secretaries of Student Work. During the past year the number of societies electing Student Secretaries have grown, indicating that within local churches there is a growing awareness of the need of more consecrated adults interested in the work with this vast group of young people in our colleges.

The "Five Dollar Plan" has begun to function in the Louisiana Conference largely because of the earnest desire of local Secretaries to see our program of the Methodist Church on every campus was more adequate for the increasing numbers of students. The increasing use of the Student Introduction Cards by local secretaries has likewise aided Directors of Student Work to have a more personal relationship with new students entering school.

Increased emphasis on Missionary Personnel recruitment has been a definite gain during the year closing. There has been no quarter in which a good number of names of young people interested in full-time Christian service have not been made available by the local Secretaries.

Special recommendation is due the work of the District Secretaries of Student Work. It has been through their efforts that all of the program of suggested action in this field has been available for the local church. Their cultivation work has helped make the year a good one.

The zeal and enthusiasm of youth must be caught up in the cause of the Christ. We must make that cause a clear one to eager minds that are seeking the truth. It is only through the combined effort of those interested in students wherever they are found that not one shall miss the way.

MRS. W. E. TRICE,
Conference Secretary of Student Work.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SECRETARIES OF STUDENT WORK

1. An active Student Secretary in every local society or combine Student Secretary and Youth Secretary where insufficient personnel makes it advisable.

2. Complete cooperation with other authorized agencies in the church for an over-all student program.

3. Every Student Secretary near a campus an active member of the Campus-Church Relations Committee.

4. Every foreign student within our schools who is a Methodist or without affiliation as the special charge of the Student Secretaries.

5. More students used on our Woman's Society programs.

6. Greater effort made to present to our young people the calls of Christ and the Church for full-time Christian service.

7. Further promotion of the \$5.00 plan.

8. Every society send a special gift (either money or needed supplies) during at least one quarter to one of our conference student centers.
9. Invite Deputation Teams from Methodist Foundations to local Churches in order to promote local interest in Student Work.

REPORT OF THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD, LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Members of many local units of the Woman's Society as well as District and Conference officers, have played an important part in the progress made by the Wesleyan Service Guild in the Louisiana Conference in 1946.

We now have sixty-one units in the Conference, and although several groups have disbanded this is a net gain of four units. We have increased our giving to missions and advanced along many other lines.

District Guild meetings were held in six districts during the past year. Miss Marion Lela Norris, National Executive Secretary of the Guild, was guest speaker at the New Orleans meeting.

The Conference Guild Secretary and five Guild members from Louisiana attended the Inter-Jurisdiction Guild meeting at Gudfside, Mississippi, in August.

Mrs. R. W. Smith, Shreveport District Guild Secretary, and two Guild members from her District attended the Guild week-end at Mt. Sequoyah in July.

A meeting of the Conference Guild Committee was held in Noel Memorial Church in Shreveport on November 23-24, 1946. At this time Miss Mary Gladys Page was elected to serve as Guild Secretary of the New Orleans District, replacing Miss Margaret Harris who resigned during the summer.

Plans for 1947 include a conference-wide Guild week-end to be held at Camp Brewer on June 14-15, as well as a meeting in each district.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE M. LAWSON,
Conference Secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild.

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

1. That District Guild Committees be fully organized in each district.
2. That these committees cooperate with the Secretary of the Status of Women in the district and in the local W.S.C.S. organizations, in an effort to enlist all potential Guild members (gainfully employed women) who are not otherwise affiliated.
3. That the District Service Guild Committee cooperate with the local W.S.C.S. in organizing new Guild units where they are needed.
4. That during this year of stewardship the Guild finds some way to be included in the promotion of Stewardship.
5. That the Guild assume a share of the responsibility of recruiting personnel, for full-time religious service.
6. That a Guild person be included in the Conference delegation to Mount Sequoyah each summer.
7. That each Guild stress the giving of cash for supply work in Alaska and for Mildred Ann Paine's jeep.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF SUPPLY WORK

"Live Christ and all thy life be a sweet uplifting ministry, A sowing of the fair white seeds that fruit through all eternity." This has been said of Supply Work: Our task is to equip the ministering ones with the necessities, so that they can sow "seeds that fruit through all eternity."

Supplies may be sent by the WSCS to Institutions receiving financial help from the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Some Institutions

are owned by the Woman's Division, while others only receive salary for one worker from the WDCS. Supplies are also sent for projects designated by the Woman's Division, or Louisiana Conference as Supply Work. Ministerial Supplies are given only in emergencies when recommended by a District Superintendent, and cleared through the Conference Secretary with the Division Committee on Supply Work.

The Wesleyan Service Guild has special Supply Work assigned each month in the WSG Handbook. Youth and Children may also have special Supply projects.

Supply Work is Missionary Work—the stretching out of a helping hand wherever it is needed. Let us each have a part in planting the seeds for eternity by love's second mile giving.

MRS. C. I. JONES.

REPORT OF 1946 SUPPLY WORK

Supply gifts: value, cash and new supplies, including postage:

	Home	Foreign	Ministerial	Total
W. S. C. S.	\$12,744.60	\$ 4,506.34	\$ 110.50	\$17,361.44
Guild	587.08	499.18	—	1,086.26
Youth	158.72	172.85	—	331.57
Children	118.53	173.39	—	291.92
Total	\$13,608.93	\$5,351.76	\$ 110.50	\$19,071.19

1947 SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUPPLY WORK

We recommend::

1. That Conference and District Supply Secretaries make a diligent effort to cultivate societies that heretofore have not participated in Supply Work.

2. That districts be given recognition from the Jurisdiction when attaining one or more of the following goals:

- Some Supply Work done in every society during the year.
- Both Home and Foreign Work done in every society during the year.

c. Reporting 100% on time each quarter. (This to include local secretary to district secretary and district secretary to conference secretary).

3. That societies be given a card of recognition when they attain the following goals:

a. Some Supply Work done for both Home and Foreign Mission Institutions.

b. That every local society send cash gifts to District Treasurer for our 1947 Supply Projects where are:

Epworth School for Teen Age Girls, 110 N. Elm St., Webster Groves, Missouri.

National College for Christian Workers, 15th St., at Van Brunt, Kansas City 1, Mo.

Navajo Methodist Mission, Box 8, Farmington, New Mexico.

5. That societies continue to send boxes of wearing apparel, food, school, or medical supplies to these institutions, reporting the number of secondhand articles, and placing valuation only upon new goods plus postage and express.

6. That Conference and District and Local Supply Secretaries be encouraged to keep a scrapbook of leaflets and other information concerning Supply Work and the Institutions and projects to which they may send supplies.

7. That every local secretary of supplies present information to her Society at least once each quarter, and that she share this material with the Secretaries of Guild, Youth, and Children's Work, in helping to promote Supply Work.

That special effort be made to report all Supply Work by Children, Youth, and Wesleyan Service Guild as well as by the Woman's Society.

9. That societies wishing to send ministerial supplies please contact District or Conference Supply Secretary. Only emergencies will be as-signed.

10. That local societies have a direct personal share in contributing cash supplies for WSCS Institutions in Louisiana, which are as follows:

Business Girls' Inn, 412 Fannin St., Shreveport.

MacDonald French Mission School and Wesley House and Dulac Indians, Box 270, Houma.

St. Mark's Community Center, 1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans.

People's Community Center, 2009 Loyola St., New Orleans.

Peck Hall, 5323 Pitt St., New Orleans.

Sager-Brown Home and Godwin School, Baldwin, La.

SCHEDULE FOR SUPPLIES FOR 1947 BY DISTRICTS

Institutions—	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Business Girls' Inn	Ruston	Shreveport	Alexandria	Baton Rouge
Dulac Indian Mission.....	Baton Rouge	Lake Charles	Monroe	Alexandria
McDonnell School.....	New Orleans	Baton Rouge	Lake Charles	Shreveport
Peck Hall.....	Monroe	Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	Lake Charles
Peoples Community Center.....	Alexandria	Ruston	Shreveport	New Orleans
Sager-Brown.....	Shreveport	New Orleans	Ruston	Monroe
St. Mark's Community Center.....	Lake Charles	Monroe	New Orleans	Ruston

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL REPORT

It is heartening to know that although this particular phase of our work is comparatively new, results are already being realized. Out of the approximately 73 girls who have volunteered for full time Christian Service we can believe that a fair proportion of them will select the mission field. Heretofore all full-time volunteers have received attention from this office. Since this conference office is a member of the Conference Recruitment Committee, the names of the boys can be channeled through the chairman of Ministerial Training unless he is a candidate for the Mission Field. In that case he will receive encouragement and materials on Mission fields from this office.

Much correspondence has been done with the Division and Jruisdiction Secretaries. Young people have been contacted both through correspondence interviews. Packets of materials on Mission fields have been mailed to each District Secretary of Missionary Personnel or to the District President. A card from our conference organization was mailed to each young person volunteering for full time Christian Service. A letter was sent to each society last summer, relative to Missionary Personnel. One news letter was sent out over the Conference. Camp directors were contacted about presenting the need in this field before and after summer camps last year. This Conference officer worked on the committee which made plans for youth night at the Conference.

We look forward to a ye ar of more definite cultivation with individual candidates in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. DAVID TARVER,
Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel.

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Conference emphasize securing the prospective candidates who can meet the requirements for service in the Woman's Division, because educational grants secured by the Conference can be used only for approved candidates for specialized training.

2. That a District Secretary of Missionary Personnel be elected in each district, whose duties shall be to create an awareness of personnel needs and to channel names to Conference Secretary.

3. That District Secretary of Missionary Personnel work through the Missionary Personnel Committee of the local church which shall be composed of the Secretary of Youth Work (Chairman), the Secretary of Student Work, the President, and the Pastor.

4. That the District Secretary of Missionary Personnel work in close cooperation with the Conference Board of Education in recruiting for Missionary Service at District and Conference Camps for Young People.

5. That Conference Secretary order Missionary Personnel Literature to be sent to those on mailing list.

6. That Conference have a Youth Night at their annual meeting where the need for Missionary Personnel shall be presented. This is being done on Wednesday night of our Conference.

7. That Conference seek eligible candidates to use Educational grants.

8. That each local society set up its Missionary Personnel Committee consisting of Secretary of Youth Work (Chairman), Secretary of Student Work, the President, and the Pastor.

REPORT OF SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

"To Know Him and Make Him Known." That theme has rung in ours ears since last summer at Mt. Sequoyah. The Spiritual Life Committee working under the inspiration of Mrs. Alexander, pledged anew to accept that theme as a challenge.

As your chairman, I had the unusual privilege of attending Jurisdiction meeting in Wichita, Kansas, and there too, we caught the reverent enthusiasm that one cannot help but catch in the presence of Mrs. John Leonard, our Jurisdiction Secretary. The year of Evangelism has been fruitful in many ways and, as we so well said "The year of Evangelism must not only be COTINUED, but it must be CONSTANT" if we are to know Him and make Him known.

Reports have been better this year. Of course you can do wonderfully effective work and not report it, but it is so challenging and wonderful to add our bit to all the others and read the results.

I beg of you again—"Be PRAYERFUL ALWAYS", and remember, God NEEDS you—no one else can do your job.

In Dr. Sockman's book, "The Fine Art of Using," he says: "Christian Service must be the MAIN business of an adequate number." If Evangelism is to be constant and stewardship fruitful, may we go forward with these words on our lips.

"Awake my soul—stretch every nerve and press with vigor on—that we may Know Him and make Him Known."

MRS. C. H. SHAFFER,
Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recognizing the need of power in carrying on the plans of the Kingdom and believing that the very cornerstone of the foundation of our Woman's Society is the growth of the Spiritual Life of the individual members, we recommend:

That we continue to work toward our goal of a Secretary of Spiritual Life Cutlivation in each society who will serve on the Program Committee, thus helping to make every worship service in circle or general meeting a worshipful experience; on the Study and Action Committee where she can be a means of translating our high resolves into worthy

action; and on the Church Committee of Evangelism where she can help the society cooperate with the pastor in every possible way.

That wherever possible, Conference and District retreats be held.

That preceding the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, a prayer-card and offering envelope be sent to every member of the society with a brief statement about the importance of the Week of Prayer, the observance of the Quiet Day, and the objectives to which the offering goes.

That all women of the society be urged to become enrolled members of the Fellowship of intercession, praying definitely for the following prayer objectives, four of which are listed on the Fellowship of Intercession card.

1. The crusade for Christ in its emphasis:

a. Upon deepening the spiritual living of the Church and bringing the unchurched to Christ and into Church membership.

b. In helping every church member to become a true steward in the use of time, ability and possessions in the service of the church.

2. Missionary personnel adequate for the work of the Church at home and abroad.

3. That God will call to active full-time Christian service some fine young people in their local church.

4. People in war-torn lands that their bodily suffering may be lessened and that in their mental and spiritual anguish they may be comforted by His Spirit.

5. The United Nations organization—that it may become an effective instrument for a just and enduring peace; and for our country—that it may become a Christian influence in this achievement.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

New Orleans, La.

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To be working with the Methodist women of Louisiana Conference again is a happy privilege. St. Mark's has made so much progress during the ten years I have been away that I feel very humble as I face my responsibility for its growth in service for the future.

Lacking a permanent staff during August and September, the members of St. Mark's experienced a frustration akin to that of a broken home. However, our program has been enlarged each month so that there has been a steady growth in enrollment and participation. The total attendance for October was 1,698, for November 2,930, for December 4,027, and for January 4,517.

St. Mark's is justly proud of the Child Care Center which has been in operation only five months. Children of working mothers are given all day care. In addition to nourishing food, a two hour nap and loving care, the children receive training which they could not get at home.

Everyone seems to marvel at the cooperation between the church and the Community Center this year. The workers and pastor cannot see

any need for it to be otherwise. We are interested in the total program. As the Child Care Center is a part of our community service, yet operated by a staff of its own—the church is a separate department—yet playing a vital role in meeting the needs of our community.

Two exciting things have happened at St. Mark's. For years we have dreamed of the day when St. Mark's could use the swimming pool twelve months out of the year instead of three. In the installation of a new heating system for the building, a unit can be added for heating the water in the pool. The board voted to have it put in, even though we have no idea where we shall get the extra five hundred dollars to have it done.

The other dream was a camp for St. Mark's. Today a member of our church gave us two lots in a new subdivision. From the sale of these lots we hope to have enough money to purchase an ideal camp site near Slidell.

One goal for the year has been to interest more adults in the program at St. Mark's. In addition to the Women's Club we now have two strong organizations for men. The Veterans' Club, with fifty active members, includes educational, social, and athletic activities in its program. The MARKSMEN is an organization sponsored by the men of the church, but all men in the community who are interested in the welfare of the center and church are eligible for membership. You may be interested in the purpose of the MARKSMEN:

1. To endeavor to win men and boys to the church and center at St. Mark's.
2. To promote the interests and purposes of the center and church.
3. To promote fellowship in St. Mark's through acquaintance and cooperative effort and to foster mutual understanding and the spirit of brotherhood.
4. To promote plans for the handcraft training, and for the recreational, social and religious development of the boys and men of the church and the community.
5. It shall be the aim of the organization to act in every way in keeping with the spirit and challenge of our name.

Perhaps the most satisfying phase of our work is that of personal counseling. Increasingly, as we visit in the homes, or become better acquainted with our people, we are turned to for personal guidance.

MRS. VERA WEBSTER WILLIS,
Head Resident.

BUSINESS GIRLS' INN

It has been our good fortune to have forty-three girls register with us during the year. Some of these have been in the home one, two, and three years. Others have come for study, business or beauty school, and upon completion of their study returned home to work. Some have stayed for a shorter period of time, business changes taking them away. Whatever the length of stay an influence of the home lingers with them.

Often girls, who made their home here several years ago, and who have married and live in distant states, visit us while passing through the city. There is always an expression of appreciation of the home and its influence upon them. Usually accompanying them is a husband and either a son or daughter whom they proudly present. This list increases rapidly from year to year.

This has been a year of many weddings. Many of the boys in service returned home to claim the "girl left behind." Nine of the girls registered have married during the year. The weddings have been sweet and impressive, had either in the church or in the bride's home.

Our family of twenty-five—capacity of the home—has been blessed during the year. We have had little sickness. Earning capacity of the

girls has given security and contentment. The fellowship in the home has been very good.

The holiday seasons always present the best opportunity to show the real home spirit. These are occasions for special decorations, special menus, family gatherings for fun, song and spiritual inspirations. These are the days which carry special memories in the years to come.

The moments when we draw apart to seek the Presence of the Master and practice self examination are the high points of our family life. Only as we catch His spirit and follow His example can we grow like Him. When all is said and done it is the daily contacts, the heart to heart talks, the effort to walk daily with Christ, that exerts an influence for growth and beauty of character.

Our girls are just as ready to give as to receive. Blessings have come to them as they have given to others in need. During the campaign for overseas relief, the girls have a substantial contribution of canned goods. For our Christmas offering, a gift for the Christ Child, we chose the needy of Europe and gave a cash donation of \$76.65.

For nineteen years our home has ministered to the young business girls of the city. During this time we have touched the lives of more than five hundred girls. For several years the capacity of the home has not been sufficient to care for all who applied for entrance. The City Mission Board, eager to meet the greater need, has planned for a greater institution. The new home will be located at 814 Cotton Street, within walking distance of the business section. It will accommodate fifty-two girls and two workers. The plans for the home have been made and accepted. Nothing has been overlooked in the plans, for every convenience and comfort has been included. Our city, conference and Woman's Division of Christian Service will be justly proud of this investment.

MRS. MARY E. FREEMAN.

PEOPLE'S METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER

Facts and Figures

Community:

Populated: Heavily.

Negro population: 74.6%.

Screens, bathrooms and paint: Scarce.

Housing: Overcrowded.

Playgrounds and directors: Few.

Recreation facilities: Rare.

Family incomes in general: Low.

Juvenile delinquency: High until center was established.

Purpose: To help children of working mothers whose homes have been broken either by death, separation, illegitimacy, neglect or abuse. Nursery School age and to retarded children through third grade.

Program Day Nursery, Nursery School, Kindergarten, Primary School, Employment Service, Clubs for Boys, Girls and Adults and Pediatric Clinics, Daily Vacation Bible School, Week Day Religious Education and Summer Camp.

Needs: A new building is the greatest need. The present structure is so decrepit as to be dangerous. There is also a need for new equipment in each department. Other needs are as follows: Cots, beds, mattresses, pads, cribs, sheets, table cloths—three years in length, playground equipment, tables, chairs, scissors, colored crayons, picture books, toys, curtains—two and one-half to three yards in length.

Some of the societies in the Conference that sent supplies last year are as follows: Gentilly Church, New Orleans; Church Point, Memorial Methodist Church, Monroe, La.; Noel Memorial, Shreveport, La.; Rayne Memorial, New Orleans; First Methodist, New Orleans, and Broadmoor Church, Shreveport, La.

These supplies helped meet a great need in our program and enabled us to function with much ease. The children were made happy in many ways.

We have reached far into the homes of this large community and through our institution we have been able to teach His way to many who came.

The Church has established our institution "By the side of the road" which we feel has been more than a friend to the men, women and children of this city, many of whom seemed not to have known any one else to look to for guidance.

All are grateful to each of you for the Christian spirit manifested in your support of this institution.

We feel that all of this will be a recompense to those who are working for the coming of His Kingdom on earth through the little child.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. CARTER, Superintendent,

RUTH G. CARTER, Social Worker.

REPORT ON CONFERENCE RURAL WORK

Miss Elizabeth Thompson

The Rural Church Movement is growing rapidly in the United States as attested by the number of national and regional conferences held in this connection. The change of work in Louisiana is a direct outgrowth of such a conference.

It is necessary and wise to have many boards and agencies to channel the vast and varied interests that are Methodism's. The genius of our Church is that all these programs may be adapted for either a city or a country church. The Town and Country Work in the conference, district or local church is not another board. It is simply a correlating of all the boards to make the gospel of Jesus Christ vital and indigenous in the smallest church. This type of rural work has the backing of our Town and Country Bureau (Woman's Devision), and the Town and Country Commission (general). But far more important, it is meeting a real need in the lives of persons at the crossroads community.

You would like to have such a service in your church, but what would the worker do? If my answers seem vague and elusive, it is because every church community presents a different picture. While my work is not specialized I come with certain techniques to help you develop a strategy by which you can take what you have and, with guidance, develop what you need to meet your problems.

However, there are some definite tools — work with the Church School; organize or strengthen W. S. C. S.; teach Mission Study classes (where there would be none otherwise); help the church to cooperate with other community agencies; plan with Zone Leaders programs on the resources of the small church; challenge youth to full-time Christian service; teach Leadership Training Classes. Today, as never before, our crying need is responsible leadership, and the rural church has a very definite role to play here.

If you think it might be of help to you to have the rural worker, contact your District Promotion Secretary and your District Superintendent.

Your state is new to me and I am having a wonderful time discovering it and you fine folks. March PROGRESSIVE FARMER carries an article about outstanding yields in Louisiana entitled, "The Corn Grows Tall in Louisiana Too." I have found many tall sons and daughters of God here, and there is a deep sense of gratitude in being able to pool my resources with yours as we all "grow tall and strong" in Christ.

These months of discovery have not been idle ones. It has been my privilege to attend a number of conferences which have given me a picture of church and farm activities in the state and jurisdiction. In December five Stewardship classes of three sessions each were held in the Baton Rouge District—Greensburg and Pine Grove charges. This was a rich experience as pastors, laymen and district officers took forward steps together in discharging their enlarged stewardship responsibilities.

In January the emphasis shifted to our trusteeship of natural resources and the scene was the Shreveport District. At least one session each was held in seventeen churches. In two instances, the women organized a W. S. C. S. These grand folk braved inclement weather and almost impassible roads so deep was their desire for the gospel.

February brought an entirely new and fascinating world—in the rural section of the New Orleans District, with headquarters at MacDonnell School. The task was to discover the needs and resources of our church so as to strengthen the existing churches and point the way to strategic centers of new work. This study was climaxed by visits from Dr. Clarence Lokey, secretary of the section of Home Missions of our Board of Missions, and Miss Marjorie Minkler, secretary of the Town and Country Bureau. The French Missions Rural Work Council concluded this phase of activity.

By the time this reaches you I will have worked in the Lake Charles District and visited the Monroe District. Immediately after conference, I will continue to be in the Lake Charles District and in the Alexandria District. The months that stretch ahead offer many challenging opportunities and I want each of you to pray that the time and effort may be wisely spent.

To my desk come valuable aids in the form of inspirational and informative literature—to be used by YOU. You, if you are a member of a small church and are looking for definite guidance. And by you, if you are a member of a city church. You need to know and be able to interpret rural trends in your group for

“Across the mountains and prairies of our great country are scattered thousands of little churches. They are, in a real sense, the hope of their world. Without them life grows coarse, family love suffers and decays, education becomes a device for personal aggrandizement, farming is merely a gambler’s game. When they are strong, men are strong in the elemental qualities of honesty, fairness, tolerance, and pity. As we tend them, we fulfill the God-given task of spreading scriptural holiness throughout the land.”

2717 Centenary Blvd.,
Shreveport, La.

DULAC INDIAN MISSION

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT (1946)

The work at Dulac, other than that done by the Pastor who gives as much of his time as possible, is carried on at present by only one worker—Miss Wilhelmina Hooper. Her salary is paid by Mr. T. C. Clanton of First Church, Shreveport.

During school hours she is a teacher. There are seven grades and an average attendance of about 62. The school is kept open the year around, thus giving the trappers’ children a chance to make up in the summer the time lost during the working season. The total enrollment goes beyond the hundred mark each year.

“School dismissed!”. The children scamper home and the place instantly and automatically becomes a Community House. Teacher now becomes friend, counselor, first aider, Broker, Amanuensis, seamstress, housekeeper, cook and dairy maid. The people come in a steady stream and all are welcomed and helped and sent to their way a bit happier and stronger for the contact.

They "go on Sunday to the church" and we find our Teacher back in her original role, but with the spiritual emphasis uppermost this time. The average attendance at the morning Church School hour is thirty-five, one class. The pastor, Rev. C. J. Rousseaux, holds a regular church service twice a month and on extra days when possible. At this afternoon service there is always a full house and often babies to be baptized, a wedding and visits to the sick, so he has a busy time. The evening hour is again in charge of the teacher and is known as a Bible School with an attendance of about thirty-five.

MacDonell School's program of Visual Education for Dulac has lagged this year for lack of time, but we have held a few services and hope to get back to normal again in the near future.

The Methodist Church, with a small outlay of time and money, is accomplishing at Dulac a rich and fruitful service. The spiritual growth and advance in human welfare are truly marvelous. When building conditions make possible the proposed new building and enlargement of this work the many of this Conference, and others, who have sacrificed towards this end will find rich satisfaction in the fruits of their gifts. God has abundantly blessed and multiplied the investments there. May His "Hand be upon us for good" in the days ahead.

**MACDONELL FRENCH MISSION SCHOOL, HOUma, LA.
ANNUAL REPORT No. 30 (1946)**

"A jewel in a bayou setting" is the apt phrase applied to MacDonell French Mission School by the late Mrs. F. F. Stephens on a visit here in 1931. The sixteen swift, fruitful years that have sped since her visit have not dimmed, but enhanced, the beauty and value of the gem. It is a jewel of many facets and sometimes one, sometimes another, glows with a clearer radiance. The special luster in 1946 came from the many expressions of eager, warm, close friendship of pupils of other years. We are proud and happy because they seem, all of them, to be both strong and good. Such contacts with those of other years give renewed faith in the present crop.

About the worst disaster the school has ever suffered was the fire on February 12 that nearly destroyed our newest building, though we can still remember the flood, a hurricane or two, and a bank failure. The wonderful cooperation of friends near and far and the untiring work of the architect and contractors for the speedy restoration of the building were an inspiration in the midst of difficulties.

Our hearts were grieved, too, by the loss of a beloved teacher—Annie Lampard. She had given seventeen beautiful years of service in the school and still lives redeemed and strengthened by her love and good works. Will another young woman of the Conference take up the torch and carry on in her place?

For scholarships given by women of the Conference we are grateful. At the annual meeting held in Lake Charles in 1939 two little girls, Mary Hafers and Martharene Porche, were in attendance. Lafayette took a scholarship for Mary and the New Orleans zone took Martha. I wish these two lovely, capable, cultured young women might be here today as a thank you to all who have helped with scholarships throughout the years.

This has been a marvelous year for supplies. After the fire we received special gifts of cash, linen, household goods, and so much clothing that we still have a considerable reserve. The New Orleans societies started a fund for a deep freeze unit and we now have it installed and in use. We were recently the happy recipients of a dish washing machine, the gift of Mrs. C. I. Jones, our beloved Secretary of Supplies.

MacDonell School enrolled something more than a hundred boys and girls during the year and we were able to help many more to attend church and school by friendly ministries.

There are varied and great opportunities for Christian service win this work and it is our prayer and hope that more young people of the State, those with strength and eagerness and enthusiasm, will cast in their lot with us and find a joyous service for the Master.

REPORT OF SUPT. SAGER-BROWN HOME AND GODMAN SCHOOL

Rev. F. D. Timmons, Superintendent, Baldwin, La.

Report to the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Louisiana Conference of the South Central Jurisdiction.

April 8, 1947

The Sager-Brown Home is located at Baldwin, La., St. Mary Parish. Included in the frame work of this home is a school known as Godman School.

In Sager-Brown Home we care for girls and boys; in the same manner that the regular family home should. We undertake to implant in them the principles of right thinking, right living, and a sincere appreciation of spiritual values.

At the same time we are striving to implant in them an appreciation of the true virtues, and dignity of honest labor and prudent spending. We have 24 girls and 18 boys in our home. This is full capacity of our living quarters now.

The age level of our children this year is from 5 to 20 years. The age level of the girl is higher than that of the boys.

Since the burning of our boys' dormitory last July 9, living quarters are inconveniently congested. We hope for early relief.

As the news of our fire disaster spread across the country, we were literally deluged with clothing, and other needed supplies for our children and home. It is no stretch of words to say that this generosity radiated from the gulf to the Great Lakes; and from Minnesota to Massachusetts, and from Texas to New Jersey. Thus far, we have been able to live within the bounds of our budget, in spite of sky-rocketing prices of necessities.

As part of our children training, they help to produce on our acres here.

There are seven teachers, two matrons, a secretary, who is also assistant superintendent, and we have one cook, a total of twelve persons on our staff.

We have eighth grade elementary school and two years of high school work, in the Godman School here.

Our community and nearby communities send twice as many children to our school, as we have in our home.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND LONG-RANGE IMPROVEMENT AT SAGER-BROWN HOME AND GODMAN SCHOOL, BALDWIN, LA.

April 10, 1947

1. That shops shall be constructed and equipped, that girls and boys may be taught such useful trades as building, sewing, shoe repairing, car repairing, broom-making, beauty culture, barbering, printing, typing, and repairing tools used for household and also for farm use.

2. That in the proposed school and gymnasium building plans, that the gymnasium be detached from the school house plan, and the gymnasium be immediately constructed on a parcel of ground joining the Methodist Church; at the rear of the church grounds. Nothing could be more profitable in our work here in the immediate and long range future than the gymnasium. The total cause for this recommendation is not simply to promote athletics. But we need the large building for large programs. We could have the 1948 session of the Louisiana Conference of

the Central Jurisdiction, if we had the building. This would be the most profitable advertisement our institution could get. Such a conference would bring more than 5,000 people from all over the state to our grounds. Many visitors from Texas, Mississippi and nearby states, attend these conference sessions. People need to know more about Sager-Brown Home and Godman School. At musicals and other programs of local nature we can bring together 5 to 15 hundred people. We need the building for such purposes. That we might have ample time to train our girls and boys in useful trades, we urgently recommend two more years of high school work here.

3. We recommend two dormitories for high school boys and girls who are able to pay a reasonable board and tuition fee, and that such students be required as the rest, to give a minimum of 12 hours of work in our efforts here to produce food and maintain our grounds and buildings.

Respectfully yours,
F. D. TIMMONS, Superintendent.

THE WESLEY FOUNDATION, LOUISIANA TECH

Report to Annual Meeting of W. S. C. S., Spring, 1947

The Wesley foundation at Tech endeavors to serve the students seven days a week. There are over 700 Methodist preference students, including about a hundred couples. Many of the students find their way into the various activities. On the whole, the spirit and feeling among the students has been very good, and we have some very capable workers. At present I would estimate that we are reaching about a third of the Methodist students through all the activities of the center and the church. The work is under new direction, since the former secretary, Fay Barr, left in June so that she might continue her studies. The director since then is Rev. Norman G. Preston, Jr., a graduate of L. S. U. and Duke Divinity School, with a year of additional graduate study in student work at Yale.

At the first of the year a new Sunday School class was organized for the Tech couples. In addition to this class, the other class for students is well attended, as is the Sunday evening program. On Tuesday of each week we have a co-op supper followed by the weekly Vesper program; the Vesper program is well attended and we find ourselves crowded for space—in fact, at times we are doing well to be able to get everyone into the room. One of our greatest needs is more space, and particularly a chapel or place for worship services. Each Wednesday there is an open house or "Friendly." At noon on Thursdays there is a program (luncheon and devotional) for the Drive-In students; a large number commute. There are parties from time to time, and the center is open all day so that the students may drop in at any time for reading, recreation, conference, etc.

The Wesley Foundation tied for second place in the Homecoming parade last fall with a float depicting the activities of the center—Worship, World Friendship, Community Service, and Recreation—there was included an improvised altar and a world globe, with an over-all caption from Mat 5:16. Two very lovely baskets of food and toys were taken to two needy families at Christmas. Also, the Wesley Foundation supports one of the orphans at the Methodist Orphanage.

Most of the council members were in attendance at the State Student Retreat at Camp Brewer in September. On the first Saturday of the current term, members of the council and invited guests met for Council Workshop, or retreat, to discuss plans for the new term. Twenty-three students from Tech attended the State Student Conference in Natchitoches early in March; one of the delegates was elected state treasurer for the next year. These were all very worthwhile meetings and we all profited.

A number of the churches have responded to the appeal and presenta-

tion of the Five-Dollar Plan which was approved by the Annual Conference, but many of the churches have made no response. Trinity Church in Ruston provides a substantial part of the financial report of our program; ideally, however, a large part of the support that they furnish should come from over the state—the home churches of the students—for they are the ones that stand to gain upon the students' graduation. The Woman's Societies over the state can do a lot in helping the churches to see the importance of taking their proportionate share of the responsibility.

REV. NORMAN PRESTON.

REPORT OF NORTHWESTERN STATE WESLEY FOUNDATION

The spirit of unity and cooperation among our Methodist students is just wonderful. This year we have about 300 Methodists. We are reaching over half of them in at least one phase of the work.

I have tried to write each preacher during this year and am now writing the parents.

In so short a report I can mention very briefly some of the highlights of the year's work. This church cooperates beautifully with us. The student secretary in the W. S. C. S. has done a wonderful piece of work in getting the church families to adopt two students each. This has meant much to the students. This year we had three big conferences; we had a large group present to help plan the year's work at Camp Brewer in September.

Our self-denial supper at Thanksgiving was a very meaningful experience. We made several offerings to overseas relief and gave \$29 to the Methodist Student Fellowship Fund. This is the third year of that fund. Each year we have made a contribution to it.

The course on Courtship and Marriage was taught by Mrs. R. B. Capel. She did such a good job that the class was large each time.

We have three retreats each year. The students plan three and carry out their plans.

The state student conference met with us during March. This meant much to our campus.

Our recreation program has been good—informal get-togethers, waffle suppers, planned parties, banquets, etc.

We have made progress in the field of worship. Several times we have had charge of the night church service. Our own vespers and church school programs are good.

We now have seven who plan to go caravaning this summer. Others are talking about the regional conference to be held in Oklahoma in June and the world conference to be in Cleveland, Ohio, next December.

It's been a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

LUCILE PIERCE.

REPORT OF STATUS OF WOMEN COMMITTEE

The Committee of Status of Women does not present a program of action but rather presents facts and help to build attitudes which result in action. During the past year sixty-two societies elected these secretaries and reported some six hundred women as serving on local church boards and twenty-eight were reported as having been delegates to Conferences. A much larger share of the church work has been borne by the women but was not reported to the District Secretaries of Status of Women who have worked so faithfully to establish the quarterly reporting this year. Several thousand survey cards have been distributed to the societies that requested them and sent in the number needed.

The most urgent need of the Conference in connection with this work is the conviction of the importance of electing a local secretary of Status of Women who has the courage and consecration to present it. Many large societies have failed to elect these secretaries.

The Status of Women Committee has the opportunity and responsibility of seeking out and presenting Christian service as a high privilege to the women of the church. The survey will help to find leadership for the society and church.

Women have freedom today in choice of work and public service and are prone to forget that "freedom costs" and the many sacrifices made that we might enjoy it. An active Status of Women Committee is needed to gather and present the necessary facts.

During the war so many mothers went into outside employment that now there is a great problem of many children whose home training has been neglected. If we are to have the leaders that we need for tomorrow, much will depend on the training received in the homes today. The Division Status of Women Committee is urging "That mothers of children make the care and training of them their chief concern." An active Status of Women Committee certainly could find a challenging task in making this their work.

The Status of Women reaches the entire program of the Woman's Society and can help to serve as a training ground for leadership in the whole church. Let us not say "why have a Status of Women Secretary" but we must have a Status of Women Secretary to lead out in areas of home, church, community and world service. Wherever the life of a woman is involved that is the concern of Status of Women Committee.

MRS. IRA CAMPBELL,
Louisiana Conference, Secretary Status of Women.

THE COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF WOMEN RECOMMENDS

1. That each local society elect an interested Secretary of Status of Women.
2. That a committee of one from each circle be appointed to serve with the Secretary of Status of Women.
3. That the Secretary of Status of Women in the Districts and Local Societies promote the full use of woman power in the church by:
 - (a) Using the beautiful and informative new hand book, the new leaflets; "Preparing for the Future", "Six Questions and Their Answers", and pageant, "A Century of Struggle" also special articles in the Methodist Woman.
 - (b) Seeking adequate representation and use of capable women on church boards and as representatives at Conference.
 - (c) Using the survey cards supplied by the Conference to learn of talents, training and potential leaders among the church women. This chart to be made available to the pastor, society president, and research committee.
4. That, every local society name the Secretary of Status of Women as member of the nominating committee.
5. That, every local Secretary of Status of Women send a quarterly report of her activities to the District Secretary of Status of Women.
6. That the local Secretary of Status of Women of Society work in cooperation with local Guild in promoting work of her committee.
7. That the local Secretary of Status of Women make a brief report at business meetings concerning the work of her committee or some outstanding news concerning the Status of Women in the World, State or Community.

MRS. IRA CAMPBELL,
Secretary Status of Women, Louisiana Conference, W. S. C. S.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VISITING INSTITUTIONS

All Methodist institutions in Louisiana receiving some financial support from the Woman's Division of Christian Service during the past

year have been visited or contacted by members of the standing committee for visiting institutions.

They report opportunities for service are increasing constantly. Some of the institutions are launching out on building programs, while others find the present needs are those of replacements which the war years made impossible. Several of the institutions are now able to increase the personnel of paid workers on their staffs, enabling them to better working conditions, and shorten the hours of the workers, while enlarging the scope of missions, increasing and depening the Christin influence of these institutions throughout their communities, teaching Jesus Christ to all who enter their portals.

MRS. C. I. JONES.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

BY-LAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Constitution and By-Laws for all Conference Societies will be found in the new Hand Book, and the Annual Report of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

ARTICLE I.

Elections.

Sec. 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be elected as Conference officers.

Sec. 2. Officers shall be elected biennially for a term of four years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, beginning with 1942 the following officers shall be elected for a two year term (with the privilege of re-election for a four year term): a vice-president, a Promotion secretary, a secretary of Missionary Education, a recording secretary, a secretary of Literature and Publications, a secretary of Christian Social Relations, and Local Church Activities, a secretary of Supplies, a secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation. The following officers shall be elected for a four year term: a president, a treasurer, a secretary of Youth, a secretary of Student Work, a secretary of Children's Work, a secretary of Women, and a secretary of Missionary Personnel. Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Sec. 3. (a). At the last annual meeting of the quadrennium the Conference Society shall elect six delegates to the Jurisdiction Society, all of whom shall be Conference officers. Three of these, including the president, shall be elected by office, the other three shall be elected by name. (b). If and when vacancies occur in the offices designated during the quadrennium, the successor in office shall be considered the Conference representative. Vacancies occurring among those elected by name shall be filled by the Executive Committee. (c). Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting the election.

ARTICLE II.

Vacancies.

Sec. 1. When vacancies among Conference officers, or standing committees occur during the year they shall be filled by the Administrative Committee with ratification by the Executive Committee until the next regular election.

Sec. 2. When more than one-half of an unexpired term of office in the Conference or District is filled, it shall constitute a full term of office.

ARTICLE III.

Executive Committee.

Sec. 1. The Executive Committee of the Conference shall be com-

posed of the officers, the District presidents and District secretaries of Promotion and such other persons as the Conference Society may determine. A majority shall constitute a quorum. Any member of the Woman's Division, and any Jurisdiction Officer residing in the Conference shall be members of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. There shall be an Administrative Committee composed of the president, who shall be chairman; the vice-president, the Promotion Secretary, the treasurer and officers residing in the District involved in matters of administration. This committee shall have the power to serve as an ad interim committee.

ARTICLE IV.

Funds.

Sec. 1. The treasurer may disburse without order from the president and Promotion secretary the quarterly expense money for all officers.

Sec. 2. The treasurer shall advance each quarter for office expense the following amounts: to the president, vice-president, secretaries of Student Work, Youth Work, Children's Work, Wesleyan Service Guild, Missionary Education and Service, Spiritual Life Cultivation, Status of Women and Missionary Personnel \$7.50 each; to the treasurer and the secretary of Supplies \$10.00; to the Promotion secretary \$12.50; to the secretary of Literature and Publications \$20.00. Postage shall be allowed all chairmen of Conference Committees.

Sec. 3. A sum not to exceed \$300.00 per year shall be allowed the secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities for the promotion of this department of work in the Conference.

Sec. 4. Fifty cents per member shall be set aside by the treasurer for a cultivation fund, membership to be based on enrollment as of December 31, of the preceding year. Expense of officers, speakers at Annual Meetings, expense of Executive Meetings, expense of delegates to Jurisdiction Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, expense for promotional and educational work of the Conference shall be paid from this cultivation fund.

All monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the Conference work shall revert to the general fund.

Sec. 5. Each local society shall include in its budget for District Cultivation Fund, an amount equal to ten cents per member to be remitted to the District treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

Districts.

Sec. 1. Districts shall be divided into zones according to their size. Beginning with 1946, a leader for each zone shall be appointed by the District president for a term of two years with the privilege of re-appointment for one additional term. The Zone Leaders shall hold not less than two meetings in their respective zones each year. A collection may be taken at each meeting. The leader may deduct any necessary expense of the meeting before remitting to the District treasurer.

Sec. 2. District officers shall be elected biennially for a term not to exceed four years, with the possible exception of the treasurer. For the first term only the following officers shall be elected for a two year term, with the privilege of re-election for a four term: a vice-president, a Promotion secretary, a recording secretary, a secretary of Missionary Education, a secretary of Literature and Publications, a secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, a secretary of Supplies, a secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation. The following officers shall be elected for a four year term: a president, a treasurer, a secretary of Student Work, a secretary of Youth Work, a secretary of Children's Work, a secretary of Status of Women, a secretary of Missionary Personnel.

Sec. 3. The District Executive Committee shall be composed of the

District officers, the Conference and Jurisdiction officers and members of the Woman's Division residing in the District.

ARTICLE VI.

Standing Committees.

Sec. 1. There shall be a Standing Committee on Spiritual Life whose endeavor shall be to quicken the spiritual life of all Methodist women by helping them to deepen their prayer life and to increase their sense of responsibility for personal service and giving. The committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movement of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living. It shall promote Christian stewardship, informal studies and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. The committee shall devise definite means of permeating the local church with a spiritual power that should lead to deeper consecration and to more active service.

Sec. 2. There shall be Standing Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, which may include District secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities or other specially trained leaders in the field of social action, including the Wesleyan Service Guild members, and members of the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities of the Woman's Division residing within the Conference. This committee shall make recommendations to the Conference Society concerning the work of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in accord with the lines of work outlined by the Division and Jurisdiction.

Sec. 3. There shall be a standing committee on Study and Action composed of the secretaries of Missionary Education and Service, of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, of the Wesleyan Service Guild and of Spiritual Life Cultivation.

It shall be the duty of this committee to consider all plans and recommendations referred to the Conference by the Jurisdiction Committee on Summer Schools and Conferences; to make recommendations concerning the use of approved study courses, joint study courses and cooperative courses. It may recommend also special informal studies in line with major needs. This committee shall develop a correlated program of education and action for the year and make recommendations concerning the same to the Conference Society.

Sec. 4. There shall be a standing committee on Finance. This committee shall be composed of the treasurer of the Conference as chairman, and the treasurers of the District Societies, the Conference secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild or her representative, and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the Conference society. This committee shall meet semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall study the strength of the society in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed of conference income and assist by counsel in the forming of the Conference pledge and budget.

Sec. 5. There shall be a standing committee on Status of Women. It shall be the duty of this committee to study the status of women in the local church, the community, the state, the nation and in other lands. This study shall include the bases of woman's place and the questions that affect her place in society and in the church. The Committee shall make recommendations to the Conference Society for the promotion of such lines of activities as will improve her status and enable her to serve effectively.

Sec. 6. There shall be a standing committee on Missionary Personnel composed of the Conference secretary of Missionary Personnel, who shall be the chairman, the Conference president, the Promotion secretary, the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, the secretary of Student Work, the secretary of Youth Work, and the women members of the Joint Com-

mittee on Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, and of the Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division residing within the Conference. Others with experience in personnel work may be co-opted.

This committee shall work in cooperation with the committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Devison. It shall search for consecrated young women of training and experience who may be available for Christian service; it shall interpret the standards of candidates for the types of service needed; it shall explain to prospective candidates the procedure in making applications to the Board; it shall recommend to the personnel secretary of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board the names of such persons who in the judgment of the committee shall be considered as prospective candidates; it shall coperate in making plans for visitation within the Conference in the interest of personnel work. The committee shall send an annual report of its activities to the secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Jurisdiction.

Sec. 7. There shall be a standing committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any overlapping, conflicting or unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use in the annual report, a copy of the By-Laws adopted by the Conference, of the Standing Rules and Rules of Order. The chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 8 (a). There shall be a Deaconess Advisory Committee in each district, where a deaconess is employed, with the following personnel: the District president, who shall be the chairman; the District superintendent, Conference officers within the District, the pastor in charge of the local church, and the presidents of each society in the charge in which the work is undertaken. The committee shall meet quarterly, at which time the worker employed by the Conference shall make a report. Written reports shall be made monthly to the District Promotion secretary, Conference president, and the Conference secretary of Promotion. (b) The District Advisory Committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee of the Conference the advisability of continuing each worker in the District. (c). During the time that the work of the Rural Deaconess is coordinated with the work of the Annual Conference Board of Christian Education, she shall report quarterly to the Conference president, the Conference treasurer and the Executive secretary of the Board of Education. This committee shall direct her work.

Sec. 9. There shall be a Research Committee consisting of the District secretaries of Promotion, with a chairman elected by the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to search for specially qualified women in the Conference who may serve as officers and chairmen of standing committees. It shall report its findings, when called for, to the Conference Society.

ARTICLE VII.

Amendments.

Sec. 1. All proposed changes to the by-laws shall be sent to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws thirty days before the annual meeting of the Conference, and typed copies shall be made for distribution to the delegates.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. All communications from Conference officers, such as cideular letters, literature, etc., must go to the corresponding officers of the District or local society; the Conference officer is expected to provide postage for same.

2. A Committee on Journal shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the Conference session. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the president and the recording secretary.

3. Standing committees shall meet for organization before leaving the seat of the Conference. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum. Expenses for an annual meeting of each standing committee shall be allowed.

4. There shall be a committee of three, one of whom shall be the Promotion Secretary to visit the home institutions within the bounds of the Conference, and to cooperate with them in the advancement of their work. An expense account may be presented when necessary.

5. Typist shall be supplied at the annual meeting for the typing of committee reports, expense of same to be paid by the Conference.

6. A half-hour of each forenoon during the annual meeting of Conference shall be devoted to worship.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Each meeting shall open and close with a religious service.

2. All resolutions shall be presented in writing and signed by two members.

3. Courtesies shall be limited to ten minutes before the noon devotional service.

STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES

1. No new society can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the District treasurer and Promotion secretary.

2. In order that the society entertaining the annual conference may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, meals shall be served by an outside agency.

3. In case any society is not sending a member as delegates to the annual conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, that society may elect its zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.

4. One-fourth of the membership of the society shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.

5. The president of the society shall be responsible for the calling of an Executive meeting the last of each quarter, at which time the reports should be made out and mailed to the District offices.

6. The treasurer of each local society shall send a copy of the total budget to the District treasurer not later than February 15.

7. The Promotion secretary in each local society shall send the Memorial Roll to the District Promotion secretary not later than March 10.

8. Societies having circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least every two years.

9. Representation at annual meetings shall be one delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof. Each society however small will have one delegate.

10. Thirty days before the annual conference meeting, the Conference recording secretary shall send to the president of each society in the Conference registration cards, which she shall fill in with names of delegates, and with check covering meals, and mail immediately to the chairman of Registration in the society entertaining the Conference.

11. A report presenting all resolutions and plans adopted should be made by the delegate or delegates at the first meeting of the society after the Conference.

12. In each local society there shall be a committee on Missionary Personnel composed of the secretary of Youth Work, who shall be the chairman, the secretary of Student Work, the pastor of the church and president of the society, whose duties shall be to channel names of prospective candidates to the District and Conference secretaries of Missionary Personnel.

13. All monies remaining in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, except those designated for local work, shall be sent to the District treasurer to be channeled by her to the Conference treasurer for Missions.

**ROSTER OF ZONE LEADERS AND SOCIETY PRESIDENTS
ACCORDING TO ZONES AND DISTRICTS**

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. Crawford Young, Natchitoches, La.

Societies—Presidents	Address
Flora—Mrs. J. E. Faust	Flora, La.
Mt. Zion—Mrs. E. C. Strickland	Montgomery, La.
Natchitoches—Mrs. A. H. Mitchell	412 New Second St., Natchitoches, La.
Oak Grove—Mrs. Lou Grigsby	Rt. 1, Natchitoches, La.

Zone 2—Leader, Mrs. J. H. Lanier, Rt. 2, Box 777, Pineville, La.

Bentley—Mrs. T. O. Hart	Bentley, La.
Boyce—Mrs. W. P. Jones	Boyce, La.
Colfax—Mrs. J. M. Alford	Colfax, La.
Dry Prong—Mrs. W. O. Wagoner	Dry Prong, La.
Hollins Chapel—Mrs. S. J. Higginbotham	Rt. 1, Dry Prong, La.
Montgomery—Mrs. M. E. Bozeman	Montgomery, La.
Palestine—Mrs. G. T. Hudson	Pineville, La.
Pineville—Mrs. John R. Galloway	Pineville, La.
Pollock—Miss Mollye Stewart	Pollock, La.
Ball—Mrs. J. H. Lanier	Rt. 2, Box 777, Pineville, La.

Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. W. I. Twiner, Oakdale, La.

Alexandria, First—Mrs. George Powell	2456 Hill Street, Alexandria, La.
Alexandria, Trinity—Miss Nanee White	425 Fulton St., Alexandria, La.
Elizabeth—Mrs. J. E. Collins	Elizabeth, La.
Glenmora—Mrs. E. R. Bremer	Glenmora, La.
Lecompte—Mrs. H. A. White	Lecompte, La.
Oakdale—Mrs. W. I. Twiner	Oakdale, La.

Zone 4—Leader, Mrs. C. A. Riddle, Marksville, La.

Bunkie—Mrs. L. M. Couvillion	Bunkie, La.
Marksville—Mrs. C. A. Riddle	Marksville, La.
Melville—Mrs. W. C. Bailey	Melville, La.
Oak Grove—Mrs. U. A. Richey	Rt. 3, Box 101, Alexandria, La.
Opelousas—Mrs. Edward A. Moise	Opelousas, La.
Palmetto—Mrs. Chas. Boyer	Palmetto, La.
Ville Platte—Mrs. W. N. Parker	Ville Platte, La.
White Chapel—Mrs. Willie Lewis	Rt. 3, Bunkie, La.

Zone 5—Leader, Mrs. M. A. Johnson, Urana, La.

Jena—Mrs. H. W. Cannon	Jena, La.
Tullos—Mrs. C. C. Shephard	Tullos, La.
Urana—Mrs. Harry Nichols	Urana, La.
Winnfield—Mrs. L. R. Thomas	South Jones Street, Winnfield, La.
Jonesville—Mrs. Lee Arnaud	Jonesville, La.

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. H. M. Herff, 2540 Morning Glory St., Baton Rouge, La.

Societies—Presidents	Addresses
Carpenters Chapel—Mrs. Mae DeLaune	Hobart, La.
East Baton Rouge—Mrs. F. A. Neal	249 Belview Drive, Baton Rouge
First Church, B. R.—Mrs. John F. Ward	1944 Tulip Street, Baton Rouge
Istrouma—Mrs. T. W. Cox	2300 Jackson Ave., Baton Rouge
Lottie—Mrs. H. Zeigler	Lottie, La.
Magnolia—Mrs. J. L. Summers	Greenwell Springs, La.
New River—Mrs. O. A. Lowe	Sorrento, La.
North Baton Rouge—Mrs. F. S. Britt	3538 Byron Ave., Baton Rouge
Meadows Chapel—Mrs. A. Hebert	Prairieville, La.
Plaquemine—Mrs. D. H. Duncan	93, Addis, La.
Slaughter—Mrs. J. J. Bowles	R. F. D., Ethel, La.
University Church—Mrs. Dale Bennett	150 Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge
Zachary—Mrs. D. C. Williams	Zachary, La.

Zone 2—Leader, Mrs. E. P. Brunning, Covington, La.

Angie—Mrs. W. F. Ragsdale	Angie, La.
Bogalusa E. S. M.—Mrs. R. E. Richardson	Bogalusa, La.
Bogalusa, Columbia St.—Mrs. R. J. Cruthirds	Rt. 2, Bogalusa, La.
Franklin—Mrs. Cecil Rochelle	Franklin, La.
Covington—Mrs. Tucker Stewart	Covington, La.
Mt. Hermon—Mrs. George Ott	Mt. Hermon, La.

Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. Harry Epperson, Baker, La.

Baker—Mrs. Carl Munson	Baker, La.
Bethel—Mrs. Richard Jones	Greenwell Springs, La.
Blackwater—Mrs. Joe B. Carpenter	Rt. 1, Baker, La.
Denham Spring—Mrs. Ray Riley	Denham Spring, La.
Live Oak—Mrs. J. D. Ott	Watson, La.
Mangum Chapel—Mrs. Lula Wesley	Corbin, La.

Zone 4—Leader, Mrs. William Schuhle, Ponchatoula, La.

Amite—Mrs. E. W. Forshag	Amite, La.
Hammond—Mrs. J. T. Watkins	Hammond, La.
Kentwood—Mrs. Sam P. Jones	Kentwood, La.
Lee's Landing—Mrs. Milton Raiford	Rt. 1, Ponchatoula, La.
Loranger—Mrs. R. E. Carter	Loranger, La.
Ponchatoula—Miss Minnie Varnado	Ponchatoula, La.
Springfield—Mrs. J. A. Bishop	Springfield, La.
Tangipahoa—Mrs. R. S. Kennison	Tangipahoa, La.
Tickfaw—Mrs. Jesse Faller	Tickfaw, La.
Wesley Chapel—Mrs. Sophie McPhaul	Ponchatoula, La.

Zone 5—Leader, Mrs. Lewellyn Spillman, Spillman, La.

Clinton—Mrs. Mary Trotter	Clinton, La.
Greensburg—Mrs. C. S. Holland	Greensburg, La.
Jackson—Mrs. M. L. Harvey	Jackson, La.
New Hope—Mrs. L. B. Weems	Rt. 1, Jackson, La.
St. Francisville—Mrs. Harry Daniels	Rt. 2, Jackson, La.

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. Robert Jackson, Many, La.

Societies—Presidents—	Addresses
DeRidder—Mrs. W. H. Frazar	611 South Royal St., DeRidder, La.
Leesville—Mrs. J. K. McCullough	1116 Sixth St., Leesville, La.
Many—Mrs. C. D. Hancock	Many, La.
Merryville—Mrs. D. W. Smith	Merryville, La.
Prospect—Mrs. Liddie Leach	Florien, La.

Zone 2—Leader, Mrs. W. P. Lewis, Sulphur, La.

DeQuincy—Mrs. H. W. Hamilton	Sulphur, La.
First Church, Lake Charles—Mrs. S. A. Mayo	510 Pujo St., Lake Charles
Simpson, Lake Charles—Mrs. D. A. Collette	729 Iris St., Lake Charles
Sulphur—Mrs. Herbert de Synek	Box 228, Sulphur, La.
Vinton—Mrs. W. A. Sutton	Vinton, La.
West Lake—Mrs. T. E. Simmons	West Lake, La.
Maplewood—Mrs. J. Ed. Watkins	22 East End Ave., Maplewood, La.

Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. John Miller

Basile—Mrs. Jack Hainworth	Box 96, Basile, La.
Elton—Mrs. Charles Liddell	Elton, La.
Hopewell—Mrs. E. E. Garlington	Rt. 1, Pitkin, La.
Iowa—Mrs. J. H. Denison	Iowa, La.
Jennings—Mrs. P. C. Faulk	Oil Field Road, Jennings, La.
Kinder—Mrs. H. P. Rich	Kinder, La.
Lake Arthur—Mrs. B. V. Todd	Box 215, Lake Arthur, La.
Oberlin—Mrs. William Creed	Oberlin, La.

Raymond—Mrs. Earl Brown Route 1, Elton, La.
Welsh—Mrs. E. B. Robinson Box 271, Welsh, La.

Zone 4—Leader, Mrs. Charles Buiner, Branch, La.

Church Point—Mrs. George Sutton Church Point, La.
Crowley—Mrs. C. E. McLean 315 East 3rd St., Crowley, La.
Ebernezer—Mrs. E. E. Faulk Route 1, Crowley, La.
Eunice—Mrs. J. P. Bedell Box 48, Eunice, La.
Gueydan—Mrs. Ethel Merritt Route 1, Kaplan, La.
Indian Bayou—Mrs. C. I. Boulet Star Route, Rayne, La.
Iota—Mrs. Grant Hayes Iota, La.
Kaplan—Mrs. Luther Fletcher Kaplan, La.
Maxie—Mrs. Day Farley Route 2, Crowley, La.
Rayne—Mrs. H. A. McDonald Rayne, La.

Zone 5—Leader, Mrs. J. W. Faulk, 228 Cherry St., Lafayette, La.

Abbeville—Mrs. L. V. Jennaro 1058 Guegnon, Abbeville, La.
Davidson Memorial, Lafayette—Mrs. Don Wineinger 102 Ransome, Lafayette, La.
Jeanerette—Mrs. Max Clayton Jeanerette, La.
Lafayette, First Church—Mrs. W. A. Atkinson 107 St. Thomas, Lafayette, La.
New Iberia—Miss Lucy Gebert New Iberia, La.

MONROE DISTRICT

Zone 1—Mrs. Ted Johnston, Grayson, La. President

Society—Presidents—	Address
Columbia—Mrs. L. R. Adams, Sr.	Columbia, La.
Columbia Heights—Mrs. Fannie Roy	Rt. 1, Columbia, La.
Gordon Avenue—Mrs. T. T. Bishop	617 Wood St., Monroe, La.
Grayson—Mrs. J. J. McKeithen	Grayson, La.
Kelly—Mrs. Lonnie Thomas	Kelly, La.
Memorial—Mrs. W. A. Cotton	401 DeSiard St., Monroe, La.
Monroe First—Mrs. J. R. White	508 Arkansas Ave., Monroe, La.
Stone Ave.—Mrs. F. H. Boyd	Rt. 2, Box 85, Monroe, La.
West Monroe—Mrs. J. F. Dudding	209 Filhoil Ave., West Monroe, La.
Olla—Mrs. John Waggoner	Olla, La.

Zone 2—Leader, Mrs. W. J. Stormalt, Mer Rouge Road, Bastrop, La.

Bastrop—Mrs. R. M. Davis	P. O. Box 353, Bastrop, La.
Bonita—Mrs. Scott Buatt	Bonita, La.
Collinston—Mrs. A. J. Tarver	Collinston, La.
Fairbanks—Mrs. Harry Sloan	Fairbanks, La.
Jones—Mrs. W. L. Pugh	Jones, La.
Mer Rouge—Mrs. Roy Windsor	Mer Rouge, La.
Oak Ridge—Mrs. J. S. McDuffie	Oak Ridge, La.
Sterlington—Mrs. O. J. Parker	Sterlington, La.

Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. C. Noble Hatch, Rt. 3, Rayville, La.

Buckner—Mrs. C. N. Hatch	Rt. 3, Rayville, La.
Crowville—Mrs. A. A. Bush	R. F. D., Winnsboro, La.
Gilbert—Mrs. Gertrude Porter	Gilbert, La.
Little Creek—Mrs. W. C. McKay	Archibald, La.
Mangham—Mrs. C. N. Underwood	Mangham, La.
Rayville—Mrs. C. M. Pervis	Rayville, La.
Sicily Island—Mrs. W. S. Peck	Sicily Island, La.
Winnsboro—Mrs. Mosie Berry	Winnsboro, La.
Wisner—Mrs. W. A. Mecom	Wisner, La.

Zone 4—Leader, Mrs. D. L. Dickenson, Pinoneer, La.

Delhi—Mrs. L. Teer	Delhi, La.
Epps—Mrs. A. M. Baker	Darnell, La.
Lake Providence—Mrs. J. W. Patrick	Lake Providence, La.

Oak Grove—Mrs. John R. McIntosh	Oak Grove, La.
Pioneer—Mrs. D. L. Dickinson	Pioneer, La.
Tallulah—Mrs. N. W. Gayle	605 S. Elm St., Tallulah, La.

Zone 5—Lealer, Mrs. Nell Chennault, Waterproof, La.

Firriday—Mrs. J. W. Stokes	Firriday, La.
St. Joseph—Mrs. Lila Baker	St. Joseph, La.
Waterproof—Mrs. Nell Chennault	Waterproof, La.
Wesley Chapel—Mrs. L. H. Cook	St. Joseph, La.
Vidalia—Mrs. Hugh Fowler	Vidalia, La.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Societies Presidents	Address
Aldersgate—Mrs. S. L. Walters	6329 St. Claude Ave., N. O., La.
Algiers—Mrs. E. W. Burgis	1823 Bodenger Blvd., N. O., La.
Canal Street—Mrs. C. F. Rolufs	4424 St. Ann St., N. O., La.
Carrollton Avenue—Mrs. W. D. Storms	8329 Nelson St., N. O., La.
Chalmette—Mrs. E. J. LeGrand	2205 Mazant St., N. O., La.
Church of the Redeemer—Mrs. Geo. Taylor	2508 Eads St., N. O., La.
Donaldsonville—Mrs. C. S. Churchill	Belle Alliance, La.
Eighth Street—Miss Ethel May Mittelstaedt	4624 Constance St., N. O., La.
Felicity—Mrs. F. M. Campbell	609 St. Mary St., N. O., La.
First Church—Mrs. Leon Grindle	1619 St. Mary St., N. O., La.
Franklin—Mrs. Victor Feske	Franklin, La.
Gentilly—Mrs. Glenn Vinson	2100 Frenchmen St., N. O., La.
Golden Meadow—Mrs. Avant Johnson	Golden Meadow, La.
Gretna—Mrs. Winnie Tillotson	1301 Jefferson Ave., Gretna, La.
Harahan—Mrs. George Kirtland	Harahan, La.
Houma First Church—Mrs. E. K. Bynum	Box 387, Houma, La.
Houma Height—Mrs. J. C. Rousseau	306 Mahler St., Houma, La.
Morgan City—Mrs. J. W. Rosson	Box 94, Morgan City, La.
Munholland Memorial—Mrs. Esther Mutslar	116 Arlington Dr., N. O., La.
Napoleon Avenue—None	
Parker Memorial—Mrs. Alice Kuhn	1208 Arabella St., N. O., La.
Pearl River—Mrs. Edward Davis	Pearl River, La.
Rayne Memorial—Mrs. Nell Harz	4211 State Street Drive, N. O., La.
Second Church—Mrs. M. Rousse	4217 Bienville St., N. O., La.
Slidell—Mrs. Ella Nunez	Slidell, La.
St. Mark's—Mrs. M. E. Mandelbaum	3021 Jena St., N. O., La.

RUSTON DISTRICT

Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. W. L. Doss, Haynesville, La.

Societies Presidents	Address
Arizona—Mrs. W. B. Corry	Arizona, La.
Cotton Valley—Mrs. Harvey Ludwig	Cotton Valley, La.
Evergreen—Mrs. Bill Martin	Grove, La.
Harmony Chapl—Mrs. Hansford Caldwell	R. F. D., Dubach, La.
Haynesville—Mrs. T. H. Arnold	Haynesville, La.
Homer—Mrs. Larkin Brantley	Homer, La.
Springhill—Mrs. J. C. Gleason	Springhill, La.
Summerfield—Mrs. C. V. Palmer	Summerfield, La.
Lisbon—Mrs. Otis Welch	Lisbon, La.

Zone 2—Leader, Mrs. A. E. Woodard, Ringgold, La.

Bienville—Mrs. L. G. McCoy	Bienville, La.
Brushwood—Mrs. H. H. Miller	Dubberly, La.
Heflin—Mrs. J. J. Stovall	Heflin, La.
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Plain Dealing—Mrs. A. B. Turnley	Plain Dealing, La.
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Holley Springs—Mrs. Dora C. Teer	Route 2, Coushatta, La.
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Madden's Crossing—Mrs. N. L. McConnell	Route 1, Coushatta, La.
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Wesley Chapel—Mrs. M. M. Spencer	Route 1, Coushatta, La.

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Mitchell—Mrs. J. D. Sistrunk	Mitchell, La.
Logansport—Mrs. Kelley Averett	Logansport, La.
Longstreet—Mrs. H. G. Denison	Longstreet, La.
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Pleasant Hill—Miss Susie Haynes	Pleasant Hill, La.
Zwolle—Mrs. R. E. Pearson	Zwolle, La.

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